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Volcker opposes class-action lawsuits

By MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK — Paul Volcker, who is leading the Jewish-Swiss audit of the dormant Swiss Holocaust accounts, has come out against the American class-action lawsuits facing the Swiss banks, saying the lawsuits could cripple his committee's ability to do its job.

The lawsuits might force the public disclosure of the documents the auditors collected from the Swiss banks, Volcker said in his letter, dated Thursday. "Such a possibility will most likely result in a reluctance of Swiss banks — especially the overwhelming majority of Swiss banks who do not see themselves as subject to the jurisdiction of US courts — to cooperate with the work of the committee," he wrote.

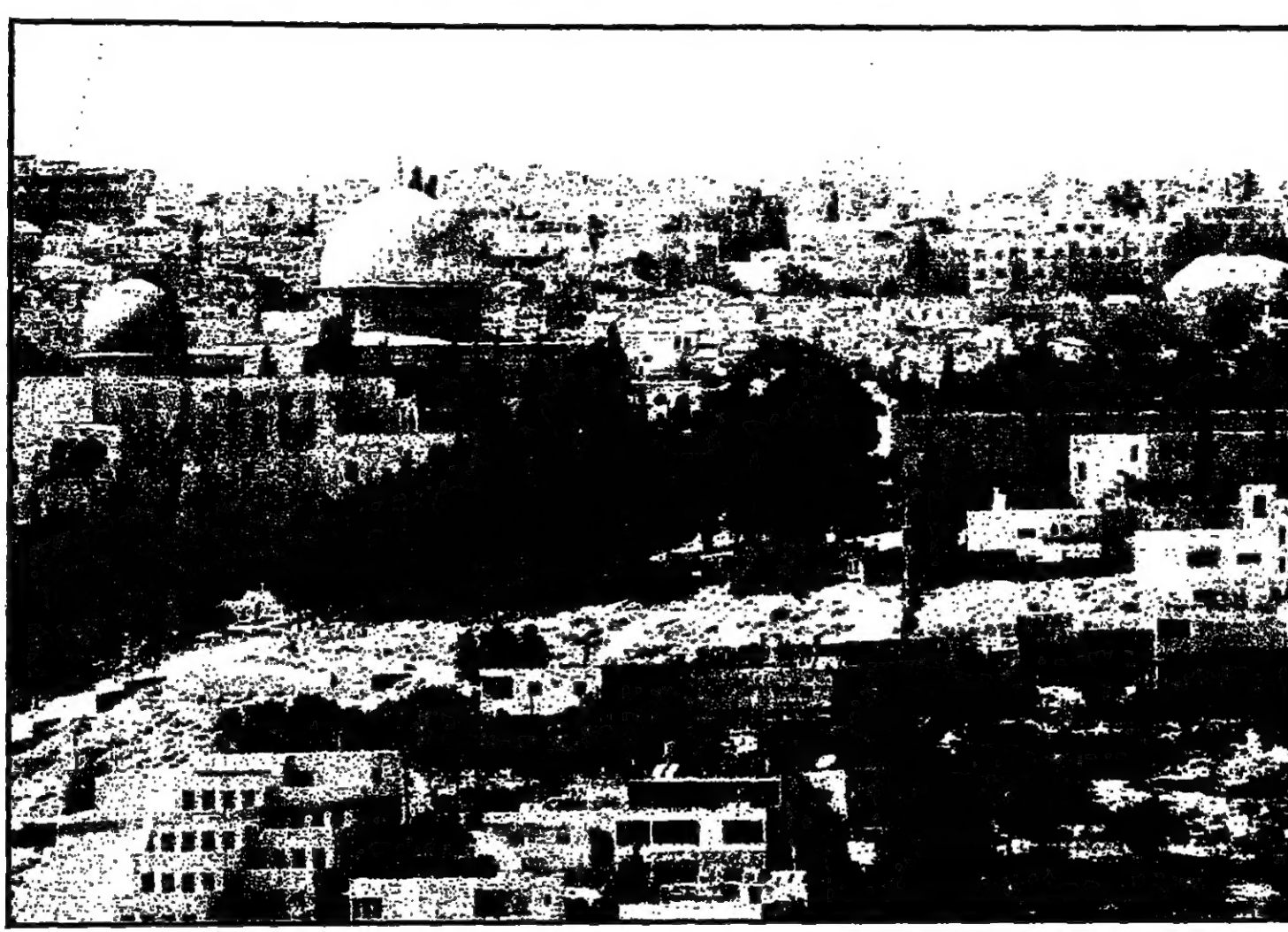
May 1996 under a pact with the WJC and the Swiss Bankers Association, is conducting its audit under a mandate, backed by the Swiss government, that protects bank secrecy.

90-year-old murders wife over German compensation

A 90-year-old man stabbed his wife to death at their home in Tel Aviv yesterday, allegedly over a long-running dispute concerning his German compensation payments.

Maccabiah tragedy claims 3rd victim

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies
The Maccabiah football tragedy claimed a third victim yesterday when another member of the Australian delegation died in Afula's Emek Hospital of complications from the injuries she suffered.



Temple Mount's golden Dome of the Rock and, to its left, Al-Aksa Mosque as seen from the Mount of Olives neighborhood of Ras al-Amud. (AP)

PM: No building on Ras al-Amud

By JAY BUSHINSKY
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's aides have informed the US, Egypt, and Jordan that the government will not allow a plan for Jewish housing to go ahead in the Arab neighborhood of Ras al-Amud in Jerusalem.

Barak praises PM for opposing plan

By LIAT COLLINS
Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak yesterday praised Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for coming out against the plan for Jewish housing in Ras al-Amud "even if it he did it late."

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party) said he had documents and minutes of meetings which show that former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek and Barak, while he was interior minister, were convinced there was no reason not to grant the Ras al-Amud project a permit.

MK Michael Kleiner (Geshet), chairman of the Land of Israel Front, said the lobby would meet this week to discuss the Ras al-Amud development.



Elizabeth Sawicki (Courtesy of 'Yediot Aharanot')

IDF captures wanted terrorist in Tulkarm

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH
Israeli security forces captured 24-year-old Islamic Jihad terrorist Rasan Mardawi on Thursday afternoon as he sat in a coffee shop in Tulkarm with his sister's husband, Iyad.

Palestinian jobless rate remains high — 19%

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) said yesterday the unemployment rate in Palestinian areas remained high in the second quarter of 1997, despite a slight drop from the previous two months.

Australia, is survived by her husband and their two sons. Officials said they were making arrangements to have Sawicki's body flown back to Melbourne for burial.

there are distinct residential quarters inhabited along these lines. He regards Ras al-Amud as "a densely populated" Arab neighborhood whose composition need not be altered under the present circumstances.

NEWS

in brief

Man allegedly murders girlfriend

Luba Rabinovitch, 21, was shot dead last night, allegedly by her boyfriend, who then tried to commit suicide. He is in serious condition at a Jerusalem hospital. *Itim*

Five die in weekend road accidents

Five people were killed and numerous injured on the roads over the weekend. Moshe Hakim, 28, was killed yesterday morning and another person was seriously injured while sitting in a stationary car near Ness Ziona when another car drove off the road and rammed into them. Another passenger and the other driver, 22, were injured lightly. Nachum Keller, 28, died after crashing into a light pole on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway Friday. Two people were killed and four injured in two accidents in Galilee Friday. Meanwhile, a pedestrian, 70, who was run over near Beit Dagan on Thursday night, died of his wounds on Friday. *Itim*

Two drown over weekend

An unidentified 40-year-old man drowned off the Dor Beach in Haifa yesterday afternoon. His body was found by a fisherman in a boat about 150 meters from the coast. A 24-year-old man from Ramallah drowned off Trumpeldor Beach in Tel Aviv on Friday afternoon. No other details were available. *Itim*

Palestinian group protests professor's detention

A Palestinian human rights group said yesterday that the Palestinian Authority's continued detention of a Gaza professor without charge was a fundamental violation of human rights. The Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment (LAW) said the professor, Fathi Ahmed Subuh, had not been able to see a lawyer or his family since his arrest on July 2. "LAW views Dr. Subuh's arrest and prolonged detention as a violation of Palestinian law, which guarantees the right to a lawyer and which states that a detainee must be brought before the attorney general or a judge within 48 hours," it said. *Reuters*

Bezeq strike ends

Bezeq workers agreed to return to work, following a six-hour meeting that ended at 4 a.m. on Friday between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Ministers Ya'acov Ne'eman, Limor Livnat, and Michael Eitan, and Hsiadrut chairman MK Amir Peretz. At the meeting, Netanyahu asked Ne'eman and Livnat to take responsibility for reaching an agreement among the government, Bezeq, and the Hsiadrut. *Itim*

'Humorous' memorial posters enrage families

Posters put up in Ramat Gan advertising a "festive and humorous" memorial ceremony for the 73 victims of February's air force helicopter collision have outraged the bereaved families. The posters, ostensibly issued by the Ramat Gan Municipality, the local religious council, and the Rinat Yesharim Synagogue, invite the public to the city's Bon Ton hall tonight for a program that will also include a lecture by Rabbi Amnon Yitzhak. The rabbi is advertised as "the greatest restorer of faith" and other events promised include "humor and attractions" and "a captivating short film." Parents contacted Israeli Radio and announced they were filing police complaints over what one called "Rabbi Yitzhak's and his followers' trade in the deaths of our sons." The municipality announced yesterday it has no connection with the event or with Yitzhak, and said it intends to prosecute those responsible for using its name on the posters and defacing the community by putting them up on public property. Last night Bon Ton announced it had canceled the event. *(Itim)*

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Woman wounded in SLA shelling

By DAVID RUDGE

A Lebanese woman was wounded and at least one Katyusha rocket hit a village inside the security zone in sporadic fighting in Lebanon yesterday.

Both Israel and Lebanon were expected to lodge complaints over the incidents to the five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring group.

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops remained on full alert in the zone and along the northern border in case of any escalation.

The fighting began in the early hours of the morning, when Hizbullah gunmen opened fire with Sagger anti-tank missiles and machine guns at two SLA outposts in the Rashaf region in the western sector of

the zone.

Hizbullah gunmen also fired long-range mortars at SLA positions in the Soujoud and Ghazlan areas, in the eastern sector. There were no military casualties in any of the incidents and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Also during the morning, SLA troops spotted Hizbullah gunmen in the area of Kafir Huneh, in the eastern sector of the zone and opened fire, leading to heavy exchanges.

Reports from Lebanon said a 70-year-old woman was moderately wounded by an SLA artillery shell that fell near her home in Sochmore village, north of the zone. One news agency report said the woman was walking near the home of a leading Hizbullah official in the village when the

shell exploded nearby. This report indicated that the Hizbullah official, who was not at home at the time, was the intended target.

According to the reports, the incident apparently occurred during the exchanges between SLA gunners and Hizbullah gunmen in the Kafir Huneh area.

The IDF was said to be checking the reports, although military sources said it is unlikely the woman was hurt by SLA fire, because Sochmore is over six kilometers from the fighting around Huneh.

Hizbullah fired Katyusha rockets at SLA positions in the eastern sector of the zone in what it said was retaliation for the wounding of the Lebanese woman.

There were no casualties in the incident, although military sources said at least one Katyusha rocket hit the Druze village of

Kawlabeh, inside the zone. The sources said this was a violation of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

The military sources stressed that IDF and SLA gunners did not respond to Hizbullah's Katyusha fire, despite the provocation. The fighting died down later in the evening.

Meanwhile, Lebanese newspapers reported on Friday that anti-SLA posters and placards had been appearing in the Christian town of Jezzine and nearby villages, which are north of the zone.

The enclave, controlled by troops loyal to SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, has been the focus of a recent wave of Hizbullah attacks, especially roadside bombings. The attacks have apparently been aimed at undermining the support of residents for the IDF and its SLA ally.

PA Police detains hikers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Eleven settlers from Karmel Tzur who were hiking in Wadi a-Nakor, south of Hebron, on Friday morning were detained by scores of armed Palestinian Police and Palestinian Preventive Security forces.

The hikers had planned to visit pools in the wadi, situated in Area B which is defined by the Oslo Agreement as a Palestinian area that falls under Israeli security control. Uniformed, armed Palestinian Police are forbidden from entering the area.

The IDF Spokesman stated on Friday that had the hikers coordinated the trip with them in advance the incident may have been prevented.

The hikers, several of whom were armed, were approached by a group of Palestinian Police and asked to stop their trek. When they refused, scores of Palestinian police and security forces, some armed with Kalashnikovs, surrounded them and prevented them from going on. A dispute ensued.

One of the hiker's members alerted Danny Kapah, head of security in the Har Hebron area, who immediately contacted local IDF forces and the Hebron DCO.

The deputy IDF Commander in Judea contacted his Palestinian counterpart who said he had received orders from high up to disarm the hikers. After prolonged discussions, IDF troops were permitted to enter the site where the hikers were surrounded - although the area is under Israeli security control.

The troops accompanied the hikers to Hebron where they were questioned by Israeli police and released after several hours. Due to Palestinian claims that some of the hikers had fired shots in the area, police have confiscated their weapons for ballistic testing.

The IDF Spokesman reiterated that anyone wishing to hike in Judea, Samaria and the Jordan Valley must coordinate their trips with the IDF in advance and travel in groups of no less than 15. For more information regarding hiking restrictions and coordination, call 02-5305252.



Moslem solidarity

Angry Kenyan Moslems burn the Israeli flag outside Israel's consulate in Mombasa on Friday. Thousands of Moslems showed their anger over Tatianna Susskin's poster depicting the Prophet Mohammed as a pig in Hebron last month by marching through downtown Mombasa shouting, "Death to Jews, death to Israel, God is great!" *(AP)*

Arafat expected to shake up cabinet

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is expected to order a cabinet shakeup and replace several ministers, as well as his Police Insp.-Gen. Ghazi Jabali, who Israel has accused of organizing terror squads to attack Jewish settlers.

The Palestinian weekly *Al-Bilad* reported that the shakeup will include the reentry of some of those who had left the cabinet. The newspaper asserts that Mustafa Barghouti will replace Bashir Barghouti as industry minister. Emil Jarusi will become tourism minister, succeeding Elias Freij who resigned two months ago. Khalid al-Qidrah, the former attorney-general, will become an adviser of Arafat.

Ziad Abu Ziad will replace Yasser Amr as education minister. Hani al-Hassan will become interior minister and Madjid al-Agha will be responsible for an arm of the Palestinian security services.

The newspaper says Jabali will be dismissed from his position, as Israel has demanded in the

wake of the arrest of three policemen and two colonels who were part of a ring Jabali allegedly organized to attack Israelis around Nablie.

Ali Jirbawi, a professor of political science at Bir Zeit University, said the shakeup has become urgent in the wake of the findings of an Arafat-appointed committee that exposed widespread corruption in the PA. He urged that Arafat place those ministers accused of corruption on trial.

"The Palestinian citizens who live in the autonomy must feel safe in their relations with the PA," said Jirbawi, who is also general director of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens Rights.

But Ghassan Khatib, director of the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center, did not appear impressed by the prospects of a reshuffle in Arafat's cabinet.

"Arafat now is not interested in making internal corrections," he said. "The most important thing for the PA chairman is to realize progress in the peace process."

The report of a PA shakeup came amid

reports of yet another Palestinian being arrested and held without charges. Mohammed Bakr was taken from his home in the Samaritan village of Kiri and has been held since June 30. He has been detained in Nablus prison and accused of collaboration.

The International Christian Embassy said Bakr has been tortured as part of a Palestinian campaign to persecute Christians in Samaria. Bakr is one of several dozen Moslems who over the last decade have converted to Christianity.

"We demand the immediate release of Mohammed Bakr and guarantees of safety for him and his family," the embassy said in a statement last week. "Further, we urge government and church leaders worldwide to condemn the Palestinian Authority for this deplorable campaign of abuse against religious freedom and human rights."

The embassy said Western donor nations should withhold funding and conduct an immediate investigation into the Bakr arrest and other human rights violations by the PA.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

MICHAL YUDELMAN

The consensus in the Hebrew media is that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu slipped badly when he voted for reinforcing the Golan law last week, and in fact walked into a trap laid for him by Tsomet MK Eliezer Zandberg.

Yediot Aharonot's Shimon Shiffer reports from Brussels how Foreign Minister David Levy watched the vote snatch in the Knesset with stunned disbelief, how Netanyahu - who opposed the bill - voted in favor of it, and how Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who announced the cabinet's opposition to the bill, then voted in support of it.

Levy described the incident as "a terrible humiliation to Bibi" and spoke of the trick Zandberg played on Netanyahu. Netanyahu only wanted to express solidarity with the Golan, and was sure the bill wouldn't pass. He was wrong.

Levy said what happened in the Knesset is unparalleled by anything in the world: "a cabinet which knowingly puts restraints on itself before the negotiations with Syria." Levy also expressed fear that Netanyahu's conduct would arouse doubts on the Syrians' side as to his ability to reach an agreement. "Assad may reach the conclusion that Netanyahu is not in control," writes Shiffer.

A Ha'aretz editorial sees the ministers' and prime minister's vote on the Golan bill one more example in a long line of severe government malfunctioning.

Uzi Benziman of Ha'aretz states that Netanyahu fell straight into the provocation laid for him in the Knesset. Netanyahu did not really mean to legislate the reinforcement of the Golan law, but lost control of things. "The

impression is that Netanyahu merely wanted to flirt with the Golan settlers and their political lobby. But something in his calculations went haywire: he assumed the bill would be rejected, but wanted to be registered as one who supported it. As in previous cases, reality slapped him in the face," says Benziman.

Does he internalize warnings? Benziman also writes of the intelligence warnings Netanyahu receives from the GSS and military intelligence regarding the danger of provocations on the part of Jewish settlers in Hebron and of the winds of war in the Syrian army. In both cases Benziman wonders whether the prime minister internalizes these warnings and to what extent they influence his decisions.

The GSS and military heads are concerned by the possibility that the Hebron settlers may engage in provocations intended deliberately to cause a confrontation that will inflame the territories. As for the Syrian issue, the estimates lead military intelligence to the conclusion that Syria is preparing for war. Netanyahu and the political echelon receive the estimates, but is not clear to what extent Netanyahu internalizes the data. More than once he has told the security heads their diagnoses are wrong, because the security disaster they predict wasn't happening.

An accident called Hanegbi In a section entitled "An accident named Hanegbi" in his article "Six Comments on the Situation," Ha'aretz journalist Yoel Marcus says no matter how you look at the now-defunct association headed by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, from

which he drew a salary and car, it doesn't smell of integrity or virtuous conduct.

"It's a new thing that an MK receives money on the side to fulfill his duty in the Knesset," Marcus quotes former Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss.

Marcus notes that the association, which was supposed to act to reduce traffic accidents, "not only did not reduce the number of accidents, but also caused one of the worst accidents ever to occur in the state since its foundation: the appointment of Hanegbi, a political hoodlum, an inciter, a liar, and a lawbreaker, as justice minister of Israel."

Ma'ariv's Sima Kadmon analyzes Hanegbi's income reports to the Knesset, which he split into two parts, for 1995 and 1996, although he received most of the money in 1996, so that he could report a sum not exceeding half his annual Knesset income, the legal limit. Not only did Hanegbi stretch the law cynically to its limits by reporting an annual sum of NIS 60,947.30, exactly 11 agorot less than the maximum permitted, but the reason he gave for the delay in his wages was the association's "lack of funds."

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US envoy said to see uphill battle on Cambodia

By CAROL GIACOMO

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — US envoy Stephen Solarz found some flexibility among key players in the Cambodian crisis, but believes achieving a settlement is an uphill battle, a US official said yesterday.

Solarz, chosen by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to undertake a fact-finding mission to Asia on the Cambodia crisis, reported to her yesterday.

The US goal is to work with the Association of South East Asian Nations on its initiative to find a political solution in Cambodia, where Hun Sen, the country's second prime minister, on July 6 ousted Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the first prime minister.

Solarz is "not overly optimistic that an agreement will be achieved," said the US official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity. But he is more encouraged than when he began his mission.

The US side is encouraged that ASEAN has undertaken a serious initiative to try to forge a political settlement between the rival parties in Cambodia, US officials said.

One official called the ASEAN initiative the "best and perhaps last chance" for peacefully resolving the crisis and said the US could not be successful if it took on such a challenge by itself.

Because of ASEAN's role in the 1991 Paris accords that brought peace to Cambodia and its growing regional importance, the group has "presumptive standing" on this issue, he said.

Solarz's conversations with key Cambodian players suggested some flexibility, the official added.

For instance, Ranariddh has indicated that he would be able to accept a replacement as first prime minister as long as he makes the appointment, not Hun Sen, the official said.

Also, Hun Sen indicated he may be willing to demobilize local militias and support a move to bar national military officers from holding political party positions, he said.

But implementing these changes and undertaking still others pose serious obstacles to any agreement, the official said.

Among those is ensuring Ranariddh and other political exiles can return to Cambodia for elections expected in May 1998, and neutralizing a national army controlled by Hun Sen so his political opponents can feel secure, the official said.

"The military is the ultimate guarantor of Hun Sen's ability to remain in power. He won't easily give up that trump card," the official said.

Ranariddh and other exiles asked that the international community guarantee their security once back in Cambodia, but Solarz was cool to that idea, the official said.

The envoy urged Hun Sen to give Ranariddh amnesty for offences Hun Sen claims Ranariddh should stand trial for.

Solarz found Japan, Cambodia's biggest aid donor, inclined to continue its assistance. Still, he hopes Tokyo would work with the US and other countries to use aid to encourage Hun Sen to move toward political reconciliation, the official said.

Japanese officials have said they fear Cambodia would collapse and bloodshed would be certain if their aid ended. Half of Cambodia's budget is funded by the international community with Japan by far the biggest donor.

"No other country is more dependent on aid than Cambodia. There is real leverage here," the official said.

The US suspended aid to Cambodia for a 30-day period that ends in the first week in August. Officials have said they would like to continue humanitarian aid at the end of that period but possibly withhold aid to the government.

Worst of German floods could be over

Firefighters struggled against walls of flames near Marseille yesterday as people fled homes to escape blazes that have charred more than 1,500 hectares (3,750 acres) of forest and scrubland.

Hampered by gusting winds, about 1,500 firefighters battled for a second day against the worst fires near the Mediterranean port in five years, backed by 500 fire engines and 20 planes scooping water from the sea and dumping it on the blazes.

"I've been a fireman for 10 years but I've never felt as useless as today. We put out one fire here, another starts there," one firefighter said.

Meanwhile in Germany, aid workers and local residents in the Oder river valley breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as round-the-clock efforts to reinforce dikes held off some of the heaviest floods in decades.

Sunny skies and forecasts of improving weather in the coming days gave cause for hope on both sides of the Oder (Odra) river that divides Germany and Poland that the worst could be over.

Flames licked at the outskirts of the villages of Plan-de-Cuques, Aubagne and Allauch yesterday as the fires advanced across forests several kilometers wide.

Nine firefighters were treated in hospital for burns and smoke inhalation. And about 250 people — firefighters and civilians — were treated on the spot for minor injuries.

Veering winds gusting at more than 100 kph fanned the blazes, lifting sparks over fire breaks. And flames leapt about 20 metres high.

Some residents used garden hoses to spray the walls of their homes in an apparently vain bid to slow the flames. The region has been tinder dry in recent weeks.

"We lost everything," said one old age pensioner in the village of

Fires hit southern France



Firemen fight against a forest fire at the Betheline cross near Marseille yesterday.

(Reuters)

Chateau-Gombert. "The fire burst into my garden. I didn't have time to react. My car was destroyed in two minutes. I don't even know if my two dogs escaped." "We're almost helpless. With such a violent wind, the fire does what it wants," one firefighter said.

"Tell people we did everything possible. Everything," another firefighter with slightly burnt hands said. "But sometimes the fire is too strong. People must know that, even if we're facing a catastrophe, things could have been worse." Two extra fires broke out overnight, adding two more fronts to the original blaze that erupted on Friday in a rubbish dump near a pine forest in Septemes-les-Vallons north of the city.

Marseille mayor Jean-Claude

Gaudin demanded an inquiry into the cause of the fire. "This dump is not in the Marseille commune. The public prosecutor and the justice system will have to clear up what happened."

"Insurers will of course turn to the owners of this dump, and also to the commune where it is situated," he told reporters.

A new fire broke out near Salon-de-Provence about 40 km to the northwest on yesterday, raising fears it could burn uncontrolled because local firefighters were reinforcing colleagues around Marseille.

Thousands of German soldiers meanwhile spent last night filling 200,000 sandbags on the banks of the Oder in Hohenwutzen, reinforcing the dike and stopping leaks.

The floods that have claimed about 100 lives this month in neighboring Poland and the Czech Republic had been causing rains to the dike to crumble, threatening to flood the fertile Oderbruch plain with unforeseeable consequences for the region.

Local officials said yesterday the situation had stabilized in the plain, where the swollen river threatened to burst a 70-km-long dike and flood some 250 square km of fertile farmland.

"The greatest danger is over," said Hans-Peter Troemel, head of emergency operations in Bad Freienwalde, but added that it was impossible to know how long the situation would hold.

Further south in Wiesenau and Zihendorf houses were submerged up to the rooftops.

In Poland, officials said flood levels were receding and expressed hope that there would be no new floods because rains overnight were not as heavy as had been expected.

But even if it stopped raining for several days and the river ceased rising, Matthias Platzeck, Brandenburg state environment minister, said the race against time was not over.

"Until the water is a good meter lower we cannot speak of sounding the all-clear," he said. "It is a matter of time because of the pressure on the dikes from 11 days of floods."

Finance Minister Theo Waigel said the government might consider boosting a 200-million-mark flood aid fund if needed and Interior Minister Manfred Kanther toured the area. (News agencies)

Malaysian leader: Soros behind currency attacks

By HAFI S. MANIAM

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Malaysia's prime minister named US financier George Soros yesterday as the man he believes is behind a recent wave of speculative attacks on Southeast Asian currencies that have driven down their value.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has been saying all week that an American billionaire was responsible for the region's currency problems, but had refused to name anyone. Press reports said Soros was clearly the target of Mahathir's accusations.

"Today, I am confirming that George Soros is the man that I was talking about," Mahathir told reporters.

Mahathir said Soros was using his financial might in an effort to hurt countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and keep them from admitting Burma as a member of the group because of its human rights record.

Soros has denied his Open Society Foundation, which promotes democracy in Burma, has any connection or influence on his financial dealings.

Burma was admitted to ASEAN on Wednesday over the opposition of the United States and some



Soros: Accused of speculative attacks on Southeast Asian currencies. (Tan Quee Lay/Reuters)

European countries which believe the Burmese government should be isolated to pressure it to improve its human rights record.

In recent weeks several Southeast Asian currencies have been propelled to new lows by a series of speculative selling attacks. The selling was originally prompted by economic problems in Thailand.

Responsibility for the declines, however, is hard to pinpoint because

local banks as well as outsiders have been involved in the selling.

ASEAN foreign ministers, meeting in Kuala Lumpur, expressed strong concern Friday about the currency instability and said they would cooperate in fighting the speculation.

Mahathir called the declines "very serious" and said "the poor people in these countries will suffer, and these are the people that have to be protected from George Soros, who has so much money and power but is totally thoughtless." He added: "We have worked 20 to 40 years to develop our countries to this level and along comes the man with a few billion US dollars and within a period of two weeks, he has undone almost (all) the work we have done."

Not all ASEAN officials agree the plunges were caused by a deliberate political attack.

"I don't think this is the case," said Philippine Foreign Secretary Domingo Siazon. Rather, he said, fund managers — mostly Westerners — have been targeting currencies in Southeast Asia to make profits.

"I can't speak for George Soros," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said yesterday. "But I don't think there's any conspiracy at work here."

250 held in 'Frisco bicycle rally

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) — More than 250 people were arrested on Friday after a huge San Francisco bicycle rally took an ugly turn, with some riders clashing with police and motorists.

"It totally got out of hand," San Francisco Police Officer Mary Heffernan said.

A route through the city was mapped out for the estimated 6,000 riders who took part in the rally, held on the last Friday of each month to promote bicycles as an alternative to cars.

Police planned to escort the riders along the designated route, to keep car traffic away and to let the bicyclists pass through red lights much like a parade. However, thousands of bicyclists veered off the planned route onto busy streets, bringing traffic across San Francisco to a standstill.

Police arrested at least 250 riders. Two police officers were injured.

Fujimori not born in Japan — uncle

TOKYO (Reuters) — An uncle of Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori yesterday angrily denied media reports in Lima that the head of state was born in Japan.

The Peruvian constitution requires presidents to be born in Peru.

"I was surprised at the reports," Kiyoshi Minami, one of Fujimori's uncles, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

"Why do they have to fabricate stories and slander him?" said the 83-year-old uncle, who lives in Ube, western Japan.

The Peruvian weekly magazine

Caretas questioned the authenticity of documents stating Fujimori — the 38-year-old son of Japanese immigrants — was born in Japan.

The Caretas report, based on a four-year investigation, showed documents which allegedly altered information on Fujimori's birthdate and suggested he may have entered Peru from Japan after he was born.

Minami said Fujimori's father, Naichi, "temporarily" returned to Japan in 1934 to seek a bride.

"He visited Japan in 1934 to get married to Mitsue Inomoto from

Kumamoto. The couple left Yokohama port for Peru in August of the same year," Minami said.

"I stayed with the couple at an inn for one night in Yokohama just the day before their departure by ship for Peru," he said. "It is crystal clear that they did not have a baby or child at that time," he added.

He said neither Fujimori's father nor mother had returned to Japan until after the end of World War Two.

In Lima on Friday, Fujimori's family lawyer Sandro Fuentes also said the president was born in Peru, on July 28, 1938.

Scientists produce human stem cells

BALTIMORE (Reuters) — Scientists at Johns Hopkins University have developed the first laboratory cultures of human stem cells — unspecialized cells that can grow to form all the different cells and tissues of the body.

The breakthrough may pave the way to the eventual laboratory production of human tissues, such as heart muscle or nerve cells, that have been lost to disease or injury, the researchers said in a release issued late Friday.

It could also allow scientists to introduce changes into the genetic code that are passed from one generation to the next, although any such research would be prohibited at Johns Hopkins.

Such "germline" mutations have already been pro-

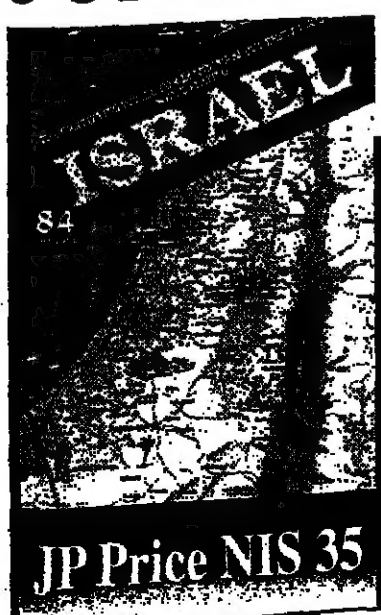
duced in mice.

"We will not perform any experiments aimed at genetically engineering the human germline in my lab or anywhere at Hopkins — it is not ethically acceptable," said Dr. John D. Gearhart, a professor of gynecology and obstetrics at Johns Hopkins and lead researcher on the project.

The developments were first disclosed during a session on the ethics of cloning and stem cell research at a recent International Congress of Developmental Biology.

Gearhart said he had chosen the forum so the process of establishing ethical guidelines for this type of research could begin immediately.

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Lowest-caste Hindu new Indian president

By JOHN F. BURNS

NEW DELHI (NY Times) — Half a century after Mohandas K. Gandhi led India to independence with a vision of a society that would rid itself of its ancient system of caste discrimination, a member of Hinduism's lowest caste took the oath Friday as the country's president and declared his elevation as proof that "the concerns of the common man" have finally taken precedence in the nation's affairs.

K.R. Narayanan, a 76-year-old former scholar, diplomat and cabinet minister who once served as India's ambassador to the United States, was chosen for the ceremonial post last week by an electoral college comprising all the country's federal and state lawmakers. While others have risen to be senior cabinet ministers, top judges and high-ranking military officers, Narayanan is the first to realize Gandhi's standard of proof that India was finally resolved to stamp out the humiliations of the caste system — the election of an untouchable as president.



New Indian President K.R. Narayanan

Real power in India rests with an elected prime minister and cabinet. But at a time when India seems destined to elect a politically unstable coalition government, some Indians believe that his power to appoint the prime minister and the cabinet, judging who is most likely to be able to command a majority in parliament, could see Narayanan emerge as a crucially important political figure.

For the 150 million Indians who call themselves Dalits, a Hindi word meaning "the oppressed" that is now commonly used when referring to untouchables, Narayanan's story has the elements of a fable.

He grew up in the southern state of Kerala in the 1930s at a time when untouchables were routinely denied the right to enter Hindu temples, draw water from wells reserved for Brahmins and other members of the higher castes, or walk along some village pathways; those restrictions still apply, even if they are unlawful, in many of India's 650,000 villages.

Because he was an outstanding student, rising from five-mile walks to a village primary school to top academic honors at the London School of Economics, Narayanan found a way around obstacles that even today, consign many low-caste Indians to lives of social degradation.

But well into adult life, he endured humiliations that would be

recognizable to any untouchable, including an occasion when a university official in Kerala took exception to his wearing a silk-trimmed academic gown to classes, standard among Indian students of the time but judged unsuitable for a low-caste person who would traditionally have been restricted to scanty clothes like the loincloth that Gandhi often wore.

So Friday, the television images of Narayanan taking office had powerful symbolism all across India. Dressed in a cream-colored, high-buttoned suit of the kind named for Jawaharlal Nehru, the prime minister who approved Narayanan's entry into the Indian foreign service over the objections of high-caste officials, he rode in the gilded carriage once used by Britain's viceroys, pulled by six gleaming horses and protected from the beating sun of the Indian summer by a red-and-gold parasol.

In his address in the ornate Central Hall of India's Parliament, Narayanan, who previously served as vice president, began with a salute to the lawmakers who chose him in a ballot last week in which he won 95 percent of the more than 4,200 votes cast.

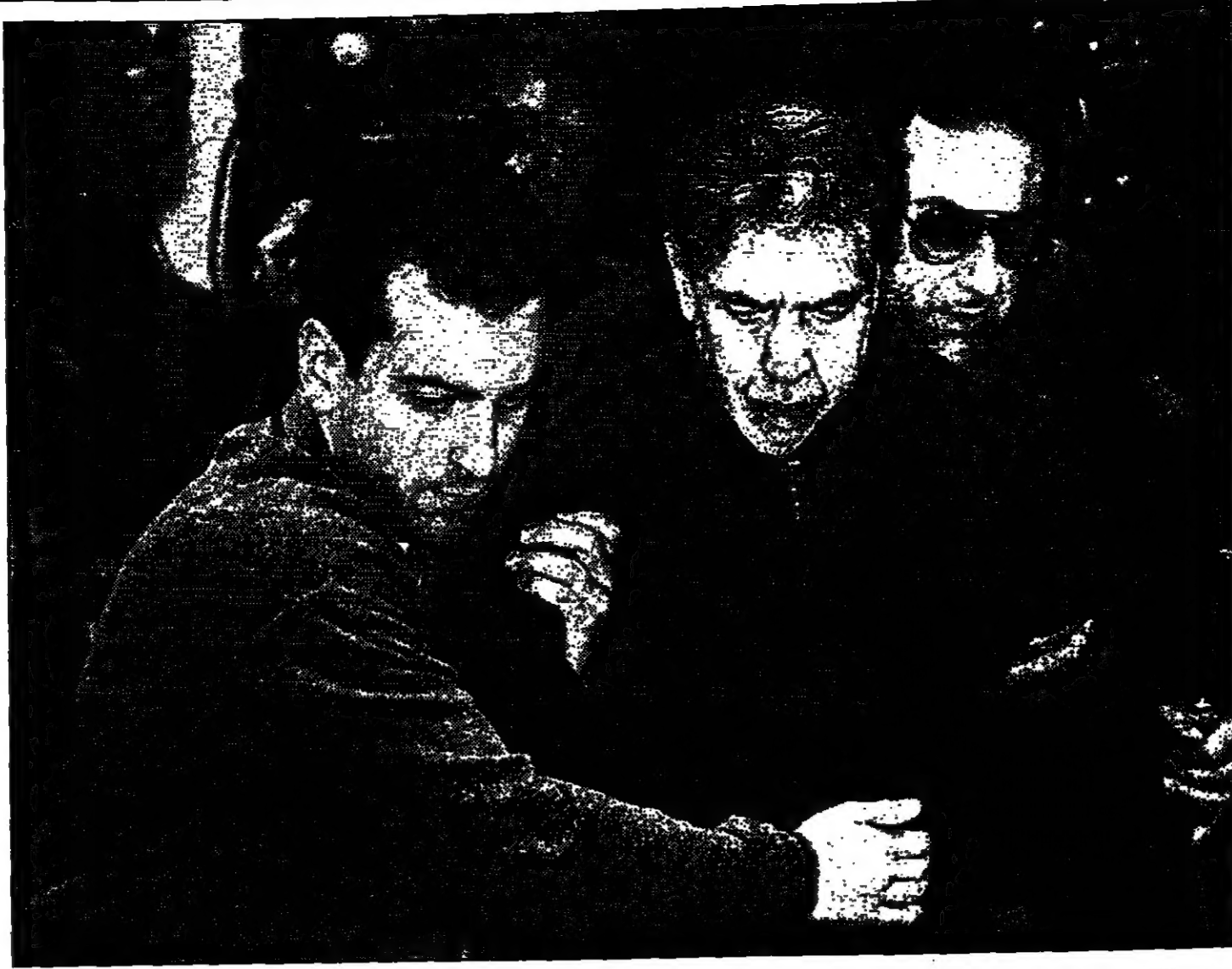
"That the nation has found a consensus for its highest office in someone who has

sprung from the grass-roots of our society and grown up in the dust and heat of this sacred land is symbolic of the fact that the concerns of the common man have now moved to the center stage of our social and political life," he said. "It is this larger significance of my election rather than any personal sense of honor that makes me rejoice on this occasion."

With barely three weeks to go to the 50th anniversary of India's independence from Britain, he recalled Gandhi's ambition that a free India would "wipe every tear from every eye" by eliminating the country's ancient scourges, including poverty, disease, illiteracy and caste discrimination — ills that are still pervasive, leaving India close to the bottom of virtually every international index of social progress.

Among other things, India's official statistics say nearly 350 million of the country's 960 million people still live in deep poverty.

Many Indian commentators argued that there was tokenism in Narayanan's appointment, and others said Narayanan had been co-opted by the Brahmins and other upper-caste Indians who still dominate in the country's politics, civil service and top corporations.



Reputed mob boss Vincent 'The Chin' Gigante (center) is helped by his son Vincent Esposito (left) to a waiting car as Gigante left a New York townhouse on his way to Brooklyn Federal Court on Friday.

'Oddfather' mob boss convicted

By BLAINE HARDEN

NEW YORK (The Washington Post) — Vincent "Chin" Gigante, the mob boss known as the "Oddfather" for his aimless rambles around Greenwich Village in a bathrobe while appearing to be mentally ill, was convicted Friday of racketeering and two counts of conspiracy to murder.

Gigante, who looked up but showed no emotion when the verdict was read, was ordered to turn himself in to a federal prison hospital in North Carolina where he will be held for 30 days of examination and treatment.

The convictions, for which Gigante could serve 30 years, amount to a virtual life sentence for the 69-year-old defendant, whose lawyers claim is too incoherent to participate in his own defense. He has appeared in court during the past month in a wheelchair while intermittently muttering to himself.

Federal prosecutors have long described Gigante as the cunning boss of the Genovese New York crime family. The government has also insisted — and a federal jury of eight women and four men apparently agreed Friday — that Gigante has been acting for years when he appeared in public to be out of his mind.

Witnesses in the month-long trial testified that Gigante gave strict orders, punishable by death, to his underlings that they were never to mention his name or nickname in any discussions of mob business. Apparently aware that federal tape recordings have led to convictions of many top Mafia leaders, witnesses said that mobsters referred to Gigante only

as "that guy," while touching their chin.

"He has embarked on a determined crusade to elude prosecution by putting on a charade of mental incompetence," US Attorney Zachary Carter said after the verdict.

Gigante's doctor said after the verdict that his patient "was unaware of what's going on." Bernard Weschler said Gigante had an attack of high blood pressure before the verdict and was given Thorazine and Valium. "People are crying all around him, and he doesn't know what's happening now," Weschler said.

As part of one of the most costly and time-consuming mob investigations this decade, the federal government invested more than seven years in its effort to put Gigante in prison. Carter said that Gigante's conviction will have "a devastating impact on the operations of the Genovese family and organized crime generally." Andrew Weissmann, the assistant US attorney who was chief courtroom prosecutor in the case, described Gigante as "the last of the long-term organized crime bosses in New York City. Anyone else that takes over now will not have that history or power hold on the rest of the city."

The government, though, did not win on the seven murder charges that were at the heart of much of the testimony by a parade of 12 FBI agents and six turncoat mobsters. The witnesses apparently failed to persuade the jury that Gigante had ordered the murders, six of them related to a Philadelphia gang war in the early 1980s.

Most of the mobsters' testimony — while rich with Mafia lore and spiced with details about Gigante supposedly ordering gangsters

to be "whacked" — was based on second- and third-hand information. Only Peter Savino, a onetime Genovese associate, directly tied Gigante to a crime, saying that "Chin" ordered the murder of a teenage hoodlum in 1983, but then took the order back.

At times, US District Judge Jack Weinstein scolded the prosecution for presenting a "sleazy" case. Indeed, Gigante's lawyers were so confident that the government had failed to make a convincing case that they astonished courtroom observers by resting their case this week without calling a single witness for the defense.

Defense attorney Michael Marinaccio promised an appeal and described the jury's verdict as a "gross injustice" based on "a mountain of hearsay." He said members of the jury had been biased by hearing a lifetime of stories about the Mafia.

"We think that there was a great deal of prejudice that we had to overcome," Marinaccio said. "Perhaps the jury wasn't able to put aside what they believed coming to the case about organized crime in general and Mr. Gigante in particular."

The star witness in the government's case was Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano, confessed murderer of 19 and a former number two man in the Gambino crime family. But Gravano, a key to the 1992 conviction of Gotti, failed to directly link Gigante to a single murder. Also, his credibility was damaged by defense lawyers who pointed out discrepancies between his testimony and a best-selling book, *Underboss*, from which Gravano has made more than \$250,000.

Irish priest gets 12 years for child sex abuse

DUBLIN (NY Times) — In a case that scandalized this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country, the Rev. Brendan Smyth was sentenced Friday to 12 years in prison after his conviction in 74 instances of sexual abuse of 20 young people over 36 years.

Smyth, 71, finished serving four

years in a prison in Northern Ireland four months ago for similar offenses. He has become notorious not only for his actions, but also for the fact that in 1994 his case caused the collapse of the government of Prime Minister Albert Reynolds.

Reynolds was forced to resign after disclosures that his attorney-general, Harry Whelehan, had delayed processing requests from

the British authorities in Northern Ireland for the priest's extradition.

The case also caused embarrassment for the Catholic hierarchy, which was widely castigated for having failed to discipline Smyth when credible complaints were made against him by parents whose children had been abused. The church responded by moving him from parish to parish, hoping, church officials said, that he would reform.

Cardinal Cahal Daly, the former primate of Ireland, apologized to the victims three years ago, saying the cases brought him to tears.

The church has since issued guidelines for bishops to be used to identify and act on complaints of child abuse.

Some of the victims in this case are expected to claim money damages from the church for the priest's actions.

Rebels reportedly kill 38 Algerian villagers

PARIS (Reuters) — Suspected Moslem rebels killed 38 villagers in two raids on hamlets in Algeria last week in apparent retaliation for a government offensive on besieged guerrillas, Algerian newspapers said yesterday.

Le Matin said the 38 villagers were slaughtered overnight on Wednesday to Thursday by having their throats cut or through decapitation. Their bodies were buried

Two other newspapers, reporting the same attacks, put the number of dead at 36.

Algeria's main Arabic language newspaper *Al-Khabar* said yesterday the rebels stepped up their attacks on villagers near the area where troops were besieging fellow guerrillas. The rebels hoped to ease the army's stranglehold and boost the militants' moral after the blow dealt to them.

It said government troops were reported on the verge of successfully ending the two-week offensive on a hideout where hundreds of guerrillas are holed up, *Al-Khabar* said.

"We divided up the (besieged area) into four sectors in order to comb them meticulously. The operation is not over yet but a great part of it was carried out," *Al-Khabar* quoted army officers as saying.

Algerian newspapers said up to 140 of the feared rebel Armed Islamic Group (GIA) were wiped out since the military operation began on July 14 south of Algiers.

Antar Zouabri, the 27-year-old feared GIA leader, and many of his followers were believed to be among those killed in the military operation. Some newspapers expressed doubts about the reports.

A Moroccan radio said on Friday it had received a statement from the GIA denying reports that Zouabri had been killed.

But *Le Matin* said Zouabri's charred body as well as three corpses of other leading GIA rebels were found.

The Algerian authorities blame the GIA for the massacres and other killings of civilians in Algeria.

The latest massacre took place three days after Moslem rebels killed 47 people, mostly by cutting their throats, in two attacks in the neighboring Blida province, about 50 km south of Algiers, according to newspaper reports.

"At 2 a.m. we heard people shouting and shouting like they were attacked by gunmen wearing uniforms of paratroopers," said a survivor quoted by *Le Matin*.

El Wajir said about 50 rebels on board a truck stormed Si Zoubir hamlet in Hajout area, some 65 km southwest of Algiers, killing 24 villagers by cutting their throats. They then moved south, burning Douch village and slaughtering 12 more people, it said.

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Cosby 'daughter' guilty of extortion

By PAULA SPAN

NEW YORK (The Washington Post) — Autumn Jackson, 19, was found guilty of extortion in federal court on Tuesday. She was charged with attempting to extort \$100,000 from the man she claims is her father, Bill Cosby.

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A three-dimensional computer image by Silicon Graphics International

3-D takes on added dimensions

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

In the Eighties, the conventional wisdom was that color computer screens were nice but not essential. In the early Nineties, some computer experts concurred that three-dimensional computer images were non-essential luxury. Today, all agree that visualizing 3-D objects on a two-dimensional computer screen is a basic requirement for many computing uses.

Silicon Graphics International (SGI), the multinational computer hardware and software company that established a subsidiary in Israel nearly a decade ago, was a pioneer in both these fields and is now leader in Internet and intranet (internal computer communications for organizations) servers and a variety of other products for the 21st century.

Having been with Silicon Graphics-Israel for nine years — a lifetime in computer technology terms — managing director Alon Barnea suggests with a smile that such long tenure "would almost seem as if there's something wrong with me. I've seen so many generations of computer equipment since 1988, when I joined the company. But I've stayed on because Silicon Graphics is a real innovator, and I feel good about that."

Barnea, who received his master's degree in industrial engineering with emphasis on computer-aided manufacturing from Tel Aviv University in 1988, was offered a job at the subsidiary in Tel Aviv by one of his former lecturers, Dr. Alor Adler of Technion, which was a partner of the company. The mother company specialized in terminals for 3-D interactive software. "It was the first time that a company offered an off-the-shelf product that provided interactive 3-D," he recalls. "A few years ago, 3-D required inventing a new computer to work with imaging equipment, such as a computerized tomography scan or a magnetic resonance instrument; but now any software requiring 3-D visualization can be used directly on our machines. The company was the first to offer this technology on an affordable computer," he says.

SGI, with 11,000 staffers and \$4 billion in annual revenues, invested a lot of money in research and development on a computer that could generate sophisticated graphics abilities. It was also the first company to do symmetric multi-processing (in which each microprocessor can work simultaneously and "speak" to all the others). And having bought Cray, it is now one of the leading makers of supercomputers.

In 1988, SGI decided that Israel was a worthwhile place to do business and opened its first (and still only) subsidiary in the Middle East. The Israeli branch has an annual turnover of \$20 million. "We are treated with respect by the mother company — like a middle-sized European operation, even though Israel is much smaller than that," says Barnea. There are 15 staffers at SGI-Israel, and an additional 17 at a sister company, Silicon Graphics Biomedical, which conducts R&D in Jerusalem's Malha industrial park.

"Every year, SGI founder Jim Clark organized a

'developers' forum' at headquarters in Mountain View near San Francisco. Last year, the company decided that it would hold such events at four sites outside the US. I suggested Israel as one venue, and indeed we were chosen along with London, Paris, and Munich. The event, which took place last October, went on for three days, with 250 senior computer developers. Ours was recognized as the most successful of the four, and next year the developers' forum will be in two sites outside the US — in Europe and in Tel Aviv."

The ability to visualize objects in their three dimensions has been a boon to telemedicine, in which patients are diagnosed and their tests studied by specialists in another city or even another continent. It is widely used in architecture and design. The Ford Corporation, for example, uses Silicon Graphics products to establish "virtual studios of collaboration" that allow car designers in various countries to work as a team. Only 15% of SGI's business is in graphics and special effects for movies, and the rest in powerful servers, which handle hundreds of even thousands of on-line computer users in any given second. With the boom of the Internet and intranet, SGI was ready with excellent number-crunching servers, competing against Sun and Windows NT. Asked to predict where SGI-Israel and its mother company will be going in the future, Barnea declines to look "so far ahead." Two years is more than enough, he says.

"You can't have your vision locked on concepts that become irrelevant." Feeling that he's perpetually on an escalator, always looking forward, Barnea says that with the joy of innovating, there is also frustration. "It can drive you crazy. I'm always pushing the envelope." But his staffers, who have remained a solid team, "feel they're part of something that is forging technological society. We aren't Microsoft, in that we don't set international standards, but we are a constant technology innovator." Barnea predicts that in the year 2000, and perhaps before, multimedia will move into powerful applications "that will be a virtual part of our lives. There is now a real fusion of fortunate circumstances: high-level compression technology, 3-D, an increase in bandwidth, improved modems, powerful servers, and the Internet. Video will be part of everything on the Net. Every electronic newspaper will have video as well, and the material will be 'streamed' for instant viewing instead of having to wait forever for a download. Teaching will be carried out widely via the Internet, with the instructor viewed on video."

With all this waiting to happen, Barnea's two daughters — aged six and four — still do not have a computer at home. "I was reluctant to get one because I wanted them to draw and paint and look at picture books and not to be distracted by a computer. Also, I work such long hours — I usually come home around 9 p.m. — that I knew if I had a PC at home, I would work even more." But Barnea is now ready to bring a computer home for the girls... and the shoe-maker's daughters will no longer go unshod.

DISK-COVERY

Knowledge multiplied, attention undivided

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Kama Velama 1, a CD-ROM in Hebrew for ages five to seven, by the Center for Educational Technology (CET) in Ramat Aviv, NIS 219

Rating: four stars out of five

Por'him Heshbon 2, a CD-ROM in Hebrew for ages eight to 14, also by CET, NIS 199

Rating: four stars out of five

As the summer wears on and your children or grandchildren begin to tire of TV, computer games, movies and the pool, you might try getting them back on the learning track. Exposing them to these worthwhile educational CD-ROMs by CET — the largest local producer of programs for use in the schools — is a good way to get them used to studying again in time for September 1.

Most computerized schools around the country use CET's Rama computerized curriculum, which tests pupils' knowledge on a wide variety of subjects, from Hebrew language and English to math and Arabic. The earlier versions lack sound or cartoon-like animation, but the latest version is more attuned to today's computer-wise pupil. The nonprofit software developer, recognizing the importance of the home market, has adapted many of its products for use on the pupil's own PC. The "CET Educational Library" is the result.

These two programs test math abilities, at beginners and intermediate levels. Since Rama uses exercises to test knowledge of a subject already learned in class, this disk doesn't teach the principles of each math topic, but measures understanding — giving grades in each subject at the end.

Kama Velama is based on the Education Ministry's first-grade math curriculum, using the plastic cubes and rods (*b'didim* in Hebrew) used to teach units of numbers. A package of these colorful bits are included in the box. Fifty-eight elementary math games, each testing a different subject, are offered on the disk.

Por'him Heshbon 2, covering the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade curriculum, allows the user to click the subject matter for each year separately. There are eight types of games in each — puzzles, mazes, matching, and linking dots to produce a figure — that let the user proceed after each correct answer.

The programs are well organized, with reasonable explanations of what is expected, available at the click of a "help" button. They are user friendly and have sound, but the animation is



relatively primitive (such as a golf ball rolling closer to its hole with each correct answer). When the user exits the program, it says "See you soon..." adding the user's name (registered the first time the program is used).

A CHILD who knows how to do the problems will probably enjoy being tested and proving a grasp of the subject through a vast number of exercises. But a child who doesn't understand the math principles will be frustrated.

If CET wants to offer pupils attractive education programs covering the school curriculum, it could do even better by explaining the mathematical principles behind each subject. Thus pupils would

not only review material already learned, but forge ahead to new material not yet discussed in the classroom. Perhaps teachers would oppose such teaching, fearful that they are being replaced by a PC, but there is no real danger of this.

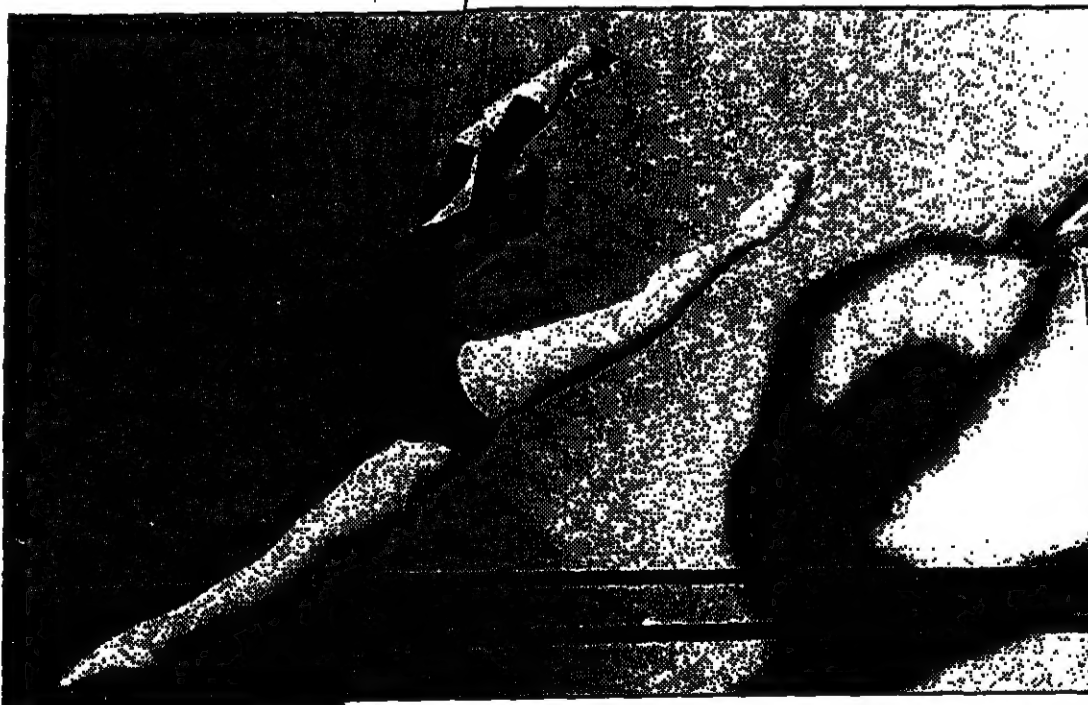
For users stumped by a problem, Edusys/Edusoft's *Mathematica*, a two-box series on math for junior and senior high school, provides step-by-step explanations of how an answer can be reached. Following this model would make CET's math disks even better.

Unlike many local software companies, CET has invested much money and effort into providing technical help over the phone, Sundays through Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.,

and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. If the lines are busy, callers can leave a message and the technical expert will get back to them. The company even prints the phone and fax number and hours on the disks themselves — a practice that should be copied by other firms that regard technical help as an expensive pain in the neck.

NOTE: The *Triumph of Survival*, the CD-ROM on modern Jewish history that was reviewed in the previous column, is available at Kohl's stores and via the mail-order house MacPC Zone, as well as from Davka's distributor, Alan Rosenbaum.

TELL ME WHY



Not all dancers born with flexibility

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

How is it possible for elite dancers or contortionists to position their legs in such odd ways without suffering a dislocation of their hips? Are they in any way affected in life or does this move help us to keep the joint mobile while we lesser mortals are starting to stiffen up? Sidney, Haifa.

Dr. Na'ama Constant, a family physician and sports medicine expert at the Wingate Institute, Physical Education in Netanya, answers:

People with the ability to be a contortionist are quite rare. What makes this "talent" possible is a combination of factors. This is caused by extreme flexibility of the ligaments. Most of these people were born with this condition, and it is not always a blessing, as it may progress to a disease of the ligaments.

Ballet dancers may be born with flexible joints, but more often they gain flexibility by working out intensively. Too much flexibility can cause dislocation of joints, so both ballet dancers and contortionists must be very careful. The condition can become more serious as they age.

Unfortunately, such performers often think about their performance rather than about their health. They can give their joints some protection by strengthening certain muscles. A sports medicine expert can advise on exactly what needs to be done. In fact, we sometimes examine young people going into dancing or sports and we check joint flexibility. When necessary, we recommend certain exercises to strengthen muscles.

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without danger to humans, just as food is heated in the microwave? Micki, Safed.

Prof. Tsvi Piran of the Hebrew University's department of theoretical physics comments:

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NEW WORLDS

Electronic tourist guide marks way of future

By POST SCIENCE REPORTER

The first computerized tourist information "kiosk," that with the touch of a finger allows visitors to make "virtual" trips to sites they want to see, has been installed in Jerusalem's Central Post Office on Jaffa Road.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who attended the recent inauguration ceremony, called the technology "a revolution in service to the public."

The Infotour 2000 electronic information kiosk, which operates in Hebrew and English, will eventually be installed in hundreds of post offices around the country. Initiated by the Ministry of Tourism, it was developed by the Golden Screen company. Up-to-date information about tourist sites, nature reserves, holy sites, hotels, tours, museums, events, transportation, entertainment, shopping, restaurants and other relevant venues is obtained by touching the screen with a finger. Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav says the system will be integrated into the state's 50th anniversary celebrations, which will culminate next year.

It is hoped that these user-friendly kiosks will also attract foreigners and Israelis to visit the post offices more often to make long-distance calls, buy stamps, purchase a calling card, exchange foreign currency,

redeem travelers' checks and use other financial services.

Postal Authority director-general Moshe Tery says the Authority has taken the first step into the electronic age. The systems can also be used to supply information on government and other public services to the Israeli public at large, allowing them to carry out on-line transactions and applications, thus making it unnecessary to go to the various offices.

SUPERCONDUCTING MATERIALS

Superconducting materials — which at very low temperatures allow electrons to pass without any electrical resistance — have the potential for expanding available radio frequencies or bandwidth for telephone or TV transmissions. The Haifa Technion's Techsat-1 satellite, due to be launched in September, will carry out the world's first experiment on superconducting components for this purpose.

Prof. Emil Polturk of the physics faculty heads the team, in cooperation with the Technion's Space Research Center, that will test superconducting materials under space conditions: this is necessary before scientists can go ahead with development.

The lack of available radio frequencies and transmission space on satellites has limited their capacity. But scientists believe that supercon-

ductive materials can greatly increase the number of frequencies and have a significant economic impact.

Because of little space on the Techsat-1 satellite, Kibbutz Ein Harod's Rikor company has produced a miniature refrigerator that can cool the components to minus 210° Celsius. The entire package,

including the refrigerator, weighs only half a kilo and needs just 12 watts of energy.

The Technion researchers hope that the experiment will succeed and open the way for Israeli companies to enter the prestigious market of next-generation communications satellites based on superconducting components.

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Red menace

Reports from Cambodia have for months tolled the death knell of the evil Khmer Rouge and its Hiderian leader, Pol Pot. Torn apart by internal dissent, one faction is said to have turned against Pol Pot, first arresting him and this weekend sentencing him to "life imprisonment."

The unamusing irony of all this is that the allegedly defunct Khmer Rouge has been responsible, without itself firing a shot, for the bloody and chaotic collapse of the government in Phnom Penh in the coup led by Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, who ousted First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh. The two prime ministers had attempted to share power in a ludicrous and rickety coalition government. This was the forlorn legacy of the United Nations' most massive and expensive exercise in peacekeeping and nation-building, which culminated in UN-run elections in 1993.

Hun Sen said he was forced to take action because Ranariddh, who had been negotiating peace with the Khmer Rouge, was trying to smuggle defectors from the hated militia force into the capital to boost the strength of troops loyal to him. It already was an oddity promising trouble to have army factions considered "loyal" either to Hun Sen or Ranariddh—rather than to Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge has been spreading disinformation about its own demise, while in reality

gaining military and political advantage from the increasingly bitter squabble in the Phnom Penh coalition. A close aide of the now-deposed Ranariddh said, without a trace of irony, that a planned Khmer Rouge attack on Hun Sen's troops would have been "a way of protecting the constitution." No doubt the ordinary Cambodian citizen could scarcely wait for another round of Khmer Rouge constitutional order of the sort that slaughtered more than a million in the days of the Killing Fields.

It is hard to imagine a more warped lust for power than that of politicians who would play games with the lethal Khmer Rouge at the expense of the Cambodian people. In addition to being genocidal murderers, the Khmer Rouge are notorious liars as well. In more than a decade of guerrilla warfare since being overthrown by a Vietnamese invasion, they have shown no sign that they have abandoned the struggle to regain power. The Khmer Rouge will never end their bid to subjugate the country again.

By masterminding dissent and civil war between the two equally incompetent, undemocratic, and self-centered prime ministers, the unreformed Maoists have added political infiltration and subversion in the capital to their armed action in the jungles. They may metamorphose and change shape like some science-fiction alien, but their evil and their objectives remain unchanged.

Some president

Countries sometimes have leaders they don't deserve thrust upon them—like Iraq. Others seem unable to resist masochistically tempting fate by themselves electing bloodthirsty dictators—as Liberia has just done. The landslide victory of Liberian warlord Charles Taylor last week was reported by one news agency as "a vote for peace in a nation torn apart by seven years of civil war."

Torn apart by whom? One may quizzically ask. Comments reported by ordinary Liberians who had voted for the wretched Taylor seemed more painfully naive—"He killed my family, but he proved he's strong and Liberia needs a strong man," said one. "He started it all, so only he can fix it," said another. Taylor's election via a farcical exercise in pseudo-democracy is just one more tiresome example of the old Africa every optimist persists in telling us is dead. Nobody should be surprised if the next move is a referendum "to ensure stability" by installing

a president for life. Farewell Mobutu Sese Seko, hello Charles Taylor.

Taylor is a corrupt and utterly brutal warlord, and everyone who voted in his massive 65 percent victory knows it. His war against the late Samuel Doe—slashed and tortured to death—and his escapades in jungle warfare, marked him as ruthless and primitive. A criminal being held on embezzlement charges, he first had to break out of an American jail in Massachusetts before going home to invade his own country on Christmas Eve, 1989. He discovered a new talent for tribal and ethnic atrocities before being halted by a peacekeeping force sent in by the West African states to stop the slaughter.

Liberia was established 150 years ago by the United States for those released slaves who wanted to return to Africa and live in freedom. Charles Taylor is as far as it has come in 150 years. Some freedom. Some president.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MISOGYNY

Sir, — Herb Keiron and the people he interviewed (July 4) have made a valiant attempt to defend poor, misunderstood Rabbi Ovadia Yosef from the supposedly hostile secular press, which stands accused of fanning the flames of intercommunal hatred by quoting "out of context" the learned rabbi's statement that "a man should not walk between two women or between two donkeys... because women do not busy themselves with Torah, and those who walk by them will become like them."

Rabbi Yosef has a lot of gall to stand with those blocking women's access to Torah, and then condemn them because they are not learned in Torah. And his vicious words come against a background of numerous physical attacks by haredi men on "immodestly dressed" women, in exactly the same style and with exactly the same purpose as the attacks by fundamentalist Moslems on unveiled women.

A lot of us, secular and religious, are getting sick and tired of insidious attempts to legitimate racism and misogyny under the guise of "the unity of Israel" or "mutual understanding."

MARTIN J. GIDRON

Tel Aviv.

INSULTING

Sir, — Your report of July 7, "Netanya chief rabbi blasts Reform in High Court brief," was, to say the least, the most revolting and disgusting insult to the vast majority of the Jewish people.

The bigoted rabbi states amongst other insults that family purity is unknown to Reform Jews and that carcasses and unclean animals are their regular food. Before the rabbi again launches another tirade against the Reform Jewish community, let him remember for one moment that, when the six million Jews were herded off to the gas chamber during the Holocaust, there was not a separate line for Orthodox Jews and a separate line for Reform Jews.

The rabbi also states that the Reform Movement is a sect that is very far from the religion of Israel and its tradition. I would like the rabbi to know that the founder of the Reform Movement in South Africa, Rabbi Weiler, lost two fine young sons who were killed in action while serving in the IDF.

The rabbi must be told in no uncertain terms that he is no better a few than the 90 percent of the Jewish population of the US which belongs to the Reform and Conservative Movements.

BASIL KRETZMER

Tel Aviv (Johannesburg).

REFUSAL TO FORGIVE

Sir, — With reference to Jack Barrett's letter of June 16, "Missionary activity," I wonder if it is not time for the Jewish people to try to stop pointing a finger at the Christian community worldwide, and take stock of some very hard facts.

It is true that all the things that Barrett mentions were done to the Jews and, if we go back to the so-called Crusades, to others also. They were, indeed appalling deeds and I, along with countless other Christians, have wept tears of shame.

But it is also true that, in the last decade or so, thousands of Christians and Christian leaders have sought to repent (of deeds not done by them personally) and to offer love and support, and seek the forgiveness of the Jewish people. It is also true that many "unsung" Christians lost their lives, and those of their families, because they spoke out against antisemitism and stood with Jews during hard times, particularly during the Holocaust.

The hatred generated by refusal to forgive and unresolved bitterness is serious for all communities, including the Jewish one.

PATRICIA FLEMING

Tymron, Scotland.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On July 27, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan had refused McMahon's statement and claims that according to the documents entrusted to him by his father Sherif Hussein, the Arabs believed that Palestine was included in the pledges given to them by Great Britain for cooperation in the war against the Turks in 1915.

German Templers in Jerusalem and Saronia announced that whatever the future of Palestine may be they would never leave this country.

50 years ago: On July 27, 1947,

The Palestine Post reported that The Palestine Broadcasting weekly much listened to Review of the Hebrew Press by Mr. M. Medzini had been canceled. It was explained that Mr. Medzini had not felt able to review the press comment on the arrival and the deportation of the Exodus 1947 refugees "within the framework permitted by PBS."

25 years ago: On July 27, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that a Moscow court found the Jewish activist Gabriel Shapiro guilty of "evading military reserve training" and sentenced this red-haired husband of an American

Jewish girl to one year of "corrective" labor. Shapiro, who had renounced his Soviet and has accepted Israeli citizenship, told newsmen that he was kept in the Soviet Union by force and considered this a crude violation of his human rights.

Mr. Zerach Warhaftig, the Religious Affairs Minister tells the Knesset that family purity is the true solution to the problem of *manzerim*. He failed to understand why the case of only two proclaimed *manzerim* in Israel attracted such widespread attention.

Alexander Zvielli



Other private parts

JEREMY MAISSEL

We house them abysmally, their passports are illegally confiscated, their pay is peanuts. But when they are no longer functional, we are only too ready to break them down for spare parts.

In the first half of this year, foreign workers killed in work or traffic accidents made up half of the organ donors for human transplants in Israel.

The donation of the organs of eight workers — from Romania, Russia, Bulgaria and China — was arranged by the Health Ministry with the families of the deceased. Some families agreed in return for the ministry's defrayal of the costs of flying the remains of their loved ones home.

This practice recently came under severe criticism from senior doctors, who maintain that it is skirting perilously close to government trade in human organs.

In the first half of this year, according to the ministry, there were only 19 donors of organs for transplant, including the foreign workers; senior officials working in the field say there were only 17. There were 42 Israeli donors during the whole of 1996. Match this with the list of 1,042 patients currently awaiting heart, lung, liver and pancreas transplants. Statistics say 5 percent of them will die waiting.

To complete the picture, comparing ourselves with the US, where there are 45-50 donors per million population, we ought to be seeing 250-300 donors a year here. It would go a long way to relieving the people on that waiting list.

If the present system of voluntary donation is producing such a low yield of organs, shouldn't we be considering some alternatives?

There are halachic authorities in the field of bioethics who take a pragmatic view. They would be willing, under certain strictly controlled circumstances, to sanction payment for organs. After all, who wouldn't agree to giving a donor some remuneration to ensure a comfortable recovery after an operation to remove a kidney and compensate for any inconvenience undergone?

But however we put it, this skates near to trade in human organs, and that is universally condemned because the practice lends itself so easily to abuse. (How much would people be prepared to pay to save a loved one, and how far would people go to

provide them with the appropriate organ if the price was right?) And offering financial compensation for organs would clearly put paid to voluntary donations.

Another alternative is a scheme practiced in many European countries known as "contracting-out" or "implied consent." Under this system, dead body tissue is considered to be state property, and organs are assumed available for transplant unless their owner specifically registered an objection.

Although it clearly provides a healthy supply of organs, this system too has its problems. Any mistake in the registry could lead to organs being used against a person's will; and the elderly, infirm and uneducated, who might find it hard to register their objection, could be put at a disadvantage.

To be realistic, neither "con-

With the system of voluntary donation producing a pitiable yield of organs for transplant, something must be done

tracting-out" nor operating a bourse in human organs seem appropriate for Israel.

WITH so many lives in the balance as the ailing and anxious wait, poised between hope and fear, for the organ they so desperately need, it is clear that we cannot rely on foreign workers. We need to increase public awareness, leading to more people carrying donor cards.

Unpleasant as it may be to contemplate, perhaps something positive could emerge from our appallingly high road casualty figures.

In deciding whether to become a potential organ donor, many Israelis, religious and secular, seek the guidance of religious figures. Last year's campaign by Agudat Adi, the national donor card information agency, to increase the number of citizens carrying donor cards did indeed center around rabbinic approval of transplants.

There is a halachic injunction against *habala* or causing physical damage to the body, such as occurs when a health person's kidney is removed.

But Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Halperin, who works at Shaare Zedek's Schlesinger Institute for Medical Halachic Research holds that when the purpose of the removal is to prolong another person's life, improve his or her quality of life, or forestall suffering, this can be defined as "dire need," which overrides the injunction.

Under these circumstances, Halperin even acknowledges that, an individual, subject to certain restrictions, has the right to sell his kidney.

Of course, there are other halachic authorities opposed to transplants in general — particularly the transplant of unpaired vital organs, because of spiritual factors such as the injunction to bury swiftly and with respect the entire body of one deceased; and problems centering around the question of brain death as a single determinant of "real" death. (Britain's emeritus chief rabbi Lord Jakobovits, who wrote his doctorate on medical ethics, does not accept brain death as final, only the total cessation of all heart activity.)

In contrast, many halachic authorities hold that *pikuah nefesh*, the inextinguishable Jewish ethic upholding the sanctity of life, overrides these objections. And other halachic authorities counter Jakobovits' view by saying that breathing, which stops with brain death, is the single criterion of life.

Israel's Chief Rabbinate has given its approval for heart transplants, and Rabbi Gadia Yosef ruled last November that kidney donations should be encouraged.

A ruling publicized in June 1996 by Rabbi Shlomo Afir, a leading rabbi in the National Religious camp, puts the case for carrying donor cards most succinctly.

"Not only is it permissible, it is a big *mitzva*," he said. "There is no *mitzva* comparable to saving a life. Someone who saves one soul, it is as though he has saved a whole world."

(For donor card information, call Agudat Adi at 03-927248.)

The writer, a religious *lucifer* from Kibbutz Alumim, has completed a research project in the bioethics of organ transplantation.

Limitless love

PATRICIA DALTON

I recently had a couple in my office, both professionals, who were having problems with their son, a middle-schooler. They were particularly concerned because he seemed so unhappy and so explosive.

Almost as an aside, they mentioned that he had been shoplifting. They had never asked him about the new clothes and other items he was bringing into the house because they "dreaded confrontation" and didn't want to make him any more miserable.

I wish I could say I was shocked. I wish I could say it was an aberration. Certainly there are many parents who know how to establish a clear, bright line between behavior that is right and behavior that is wrong.

But the current generation of parents seem almost bewildered about some of the most basic principles of child rearing.

When did parents become more concerned about their children's happiness and self-esteem than about their sense of morality and basic decency? Many parents are so influenced by psychological theories about child rearing that they disregard common sense. Some are critical of the way they were raised, and are searching for another model.

Then there's the New-Age view: Children come into the world uncorrupted, and are best raised using principles of noninterference. "No" is a dirty word and children should be given choices and explanations; punishment and adverse situations should be avoided as much as possible.

Tired, guilty parents make bad disciplinarians. One mother

Parents who won't say no pay the price

arrived home after a week-long business trip to find her son had failed to change the cat litter while she was gone. So she did the job herself.

"I didn't have the heart to make an issue of it," she said.

If parents find it difficult to enforce mundane limits, they'll be lost when it comes to dealing with big issues.

It takes a confident, purposeful parent to say to a pleading 14-year-old daughter, "No, you aren't going to the festival" and remain resolute.

Saying "no" might cause some tension, but it won't permanently damage the bond a parent has with a child.

IT is ironic that parents sometimes pit discipline against love. In reality, they are two sides of the same coin. "There is security in limits" is a mantra therapists and teachers hear over and over in their training.

Parents who subscribe to this notion tell their children that they love them too much to let them behave terribly; smart ones also have too much self-regard to put up with their kids' nonsense.

Discipline builds self-esteem. Most kids crave limits, if they are administered fairly and clearly.

One 13-year-old girl, brought to my office by her parents because she was having trouble in school, told me one of her girlfriends' parents "don't seem to care enough about the problems she is having to bring her to a shrink." She was letting me know she was glad her parents had intervened.

Actually, some tension between parents and children is not just normal; but desirable. It assists children in achieving the independence necessary to master certain stages of development. Parents need to understand they can't kill their kids with kindness.

I have counseled many children who have problems making and keeping friends. Their parents often intervened in their fights with other children, rather than letting them work things out.

Children need to learn the laws of the jungle firsthand so they can build a sense of competence to face the inevitable slings, arrows and adversities.

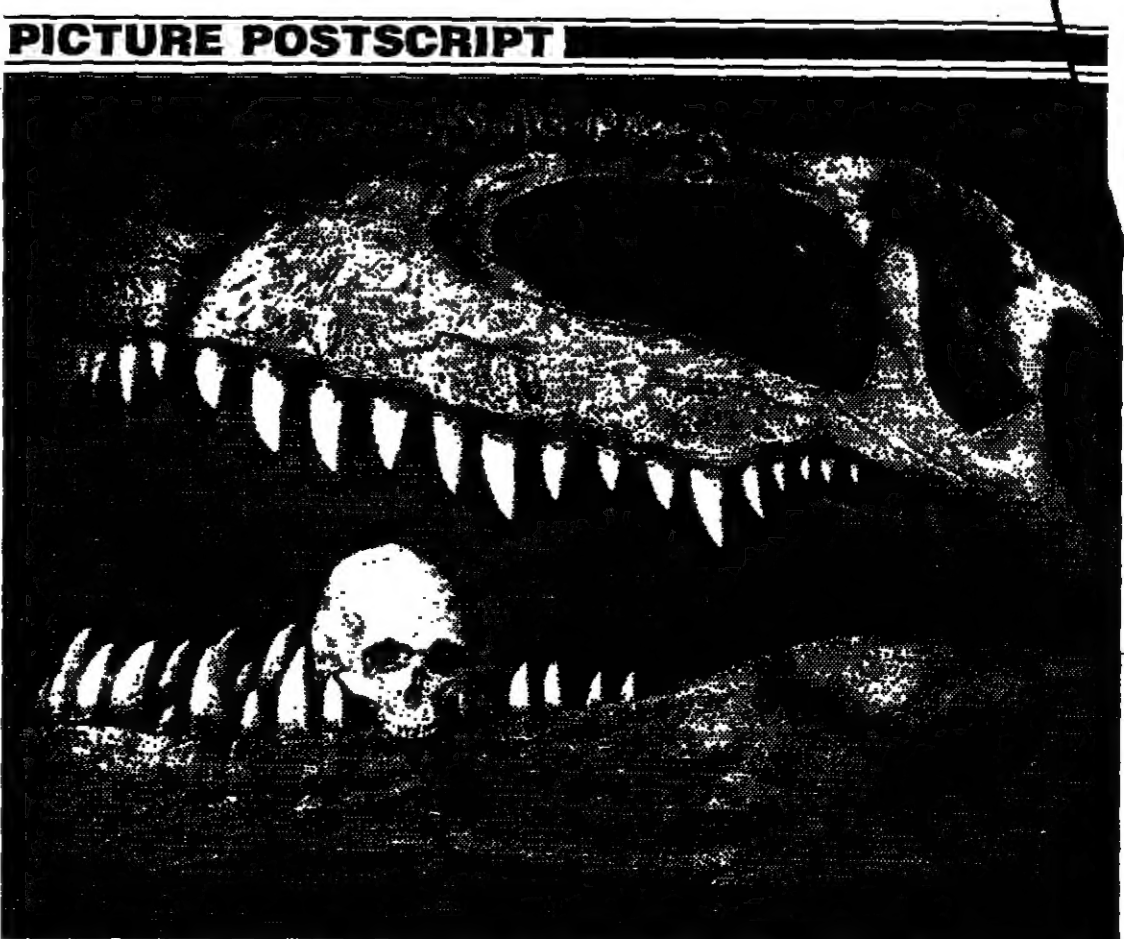
The impaired effectively, discipline needs to begin at an early age. Research in child development tells us there are windows of opportunity for learning everything from language and motor skills to learning increasingly complex feelings, from simple distress and contentment to more complex emotions like joy and pride and shame.

The window for feelings of empathy and the related formation of conscience begins somewhere in the second year. It fades during the 11th.

Once a child is close to adolescence, the conscience is formed. After that, it's too late.

(Reuters)

(Washington Post)



How big were the dinosaurs? The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia reconstructed this skull of the largest meat-eater ever found — the 15-meter-long, 8-ton Giganotosaurus carolinii. That little thing between its teeth is a human skull.

Four horsemen of the ice: The NHL comes to Israel

By LIONEL GAFFEN

The 15th Maccabiah was the first to bring together athletes to compete in a winter sport - ice hockey - which took place in Metulla.

Four of these fine men - two from Canada, the eventual gold medalist, and the others from the silver medal USA squad - either have played, or are currently playing in the National Hockey League.

Mike Hartman 31, player, coach and captain of the USA team, has more NHL experience than the others combined, and sports the ultimate in his profession: the Stanley Cup.

During his 12 years in pro hockey, nine of which were spent in the NHL, he played with the Buffalo Sabres, Winnipeg Jets, Tampa Bay Lightning, and in 1994, helped the New York Rangers to a Stanley Cup win.

"Playing with the likes of superstar Mark Messier was a great inspiration for me. He knows how to win, how to prepare himself for a game and how to inspire others. It's almost impossible to emulate a guy like that, but you can learn so much from him, and if I'm given the opportunity to coach, I'll try to pass on what I've learned."

Hartman managed to complete a degree in business during his years as a pro, and after his career comes to a close, in two or three years, he will have the option of either continuing in the game as a coach, or going into business.

Justin Doberman 27, of the USA team, played a number of years in the Pittsburgh Penguins' farm system, and one full season with the parent club. Currently, he plays in England, along with a growing number of former NHLers, as the sport has really taken off there. "The money is good, the fans adore us, and once my playing days are finished, I'll head back to school to complete a degree in business. Getting to play in the NHL was the dream of a lifetime."

Brian Wilks 31, of the gold medal Canadian team, and a native Torontonian, also played just one year in the NHL, with the Los Angeles Kings, and then played for an additional five seasons in their farm system, before an injury ended his career, and prompted him to return to school to complete a degree in psychology, and another in accounting, the field in which he now works. He came back to hockey on a fulltime basis in order to compete in the Maccabiah.

David Nemirovsky, almost 21, is currently in the second year of a four-year pact with the Florida Panthers. He joins his brother Mikhail on the Canadian Maccabiah squad. His family came from the



Mike Hartman (left), formerly of the New York Rangers and Justin Doberman.

(Lionel Gaffen)

Ukraine, where he and his younger brother - who now plays in the Montreal Canadiens' farm system - were born. After his family settled in

Toronto 21 years ago, he played for Ontario as a teenager, and made his debut in the NHL in 1995.

All of them, in their own way and in their own words, expressed

joy at playing for their respective squads. Without the Maccabiah, who can say how long it would have taken them to identify more closely with their heritage?

Golf legend Ben Hogan dies at age 84

FORT WORTH, Texas (Reuters) - Golfing legend Ben Hogan, a gritty competitor who staged one of sport's great comebacks by bouncing back from a near-fatal car accident to dominate golf, died on Friday after a long illness. He was 84.

Hogan's secretary Pat Martin said he died early on Friday, just hours after entering a Fort Worth hospital with bronchitis.

Hogan, who underwent surgery for cancer of the colon two years ago, had 63 PGA Tour career victories, placing him third behind Sam Snead (81) and Jack Nicklaus (70) on the all-time list.

His greatest year was 1953, when he won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments: the US Open, the Masters and the British Open.

Four years earlier, Hogan's legs were shattered in a car crash but he scrambled back to the top by showing his trademark single-mindedness and gritty determination, winning six of the first nine Majors he played on his comeback.

Appreciative Scottish golf fans impressed by his tenacity dubbed the diminutive Hogan "Wee Joe Mon," adding to his previous nicknames of "Bantam Ben" and "Hawk." Hogan's comeback was chronicled in a 1951 movie on his life titled, *Follow the Sun* starring Glenn Ford.

Hogan won a total of nine major titles in his career - two Masters (1951, 1953), four US Opens (1948, 1950, 1951, 1953) one British Open (1953) and two PGA Championships (1946, 1948).

He practised incessantly despite the pains caused by his accident.

"I don't know of anyone who worked on his game like Ben Hogan," Byron Nelson, another golfing great who learned the game



Ben Hogan pictured at the 1940 PGA Championship.

(Reuters)

with Hogan and competed against him for many years, said in a recent television interview.

"He was a slow mover but when he got started, he was a superb player," Nelson said.

Born in Dublin, Texas on August 13, 1912, Hogan first entered the golf world as a caddy at a country club in Fort Worth, where his family moved after his father committed suicide.

Hogan won his first tournament in 1938 and emerged as one of the sport's greatest players in the 1940s.

His last major victory was at the British Open in 1953 and his last

victory ever was at the 1959 Colonial, which he won five times.

In later years, as with so many golfers, his putting touch deserted him, and he played his final tournament in 1971.

Hogan then devoted himself to the golf equipment company that bore his name, but was still frequently seen putting in hours of practice at a course near the Fort Worth home where he lived with his wife, Valerie. They had no children.

His book, "Five Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf," remains a teaching classic that still applies to this day.

FIFA probing reports Saddam's son had Iraq soccer team beaten

ZURICH (AP) - FIFA is investigating reports Saddam Hussein's son had the Iraqi national team beaten after they lost to Kazakhstan and were eliminated from World Cup qualifying competition, an official said Friday.

"An inquiry has been launched," FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said, adding that the world body was asking sporting contacts in the Middle East for any information.

Herren said FIFA is taking the accusations against Oday Hussein, Saddam's eldest son and the Iraqi soccer federation president, extremely seriously.

"It's an unusual situation. You hardly ever hear anything like that," Herren said.

Iraq were eliminated from qualifying on June 29, after they lost their second match - their away leg - against Kazakhstan in Asian first-round qualifying Group Nine.

Iraq lost 2-1 to Kazakhstan in Baghdad on June 6 and then again 3-1 in Almaty at the end of the month. Kazakhstan completed the first round with a 4-0-0 record atop the group, while Iraq were second with six points (2-0-2), ahead of only Pakistan (0-0-4) in the three-team group.

Only the ten group winners advanced to the second round.

Herren said FIFA had contacted the Iraqi Football Federation, the Asian Football Confederation and the two FIFA observers who attended the June 29 match and probably were the closest outsiders with the two teams before and after the June 29 match.

FIFA can also use diplomatic channels if needed, he said.

No hearings have yet been scheduled, Herren said. "It will probably take some time."

The *Observer* reported last weekend that Oday ordered the Iraqi team to be taken to a military base and to be cased on the soles of their feet and beaten on their backs.

Earlier this month, Iraqi dissidents claimed that Oday ordered the team to be imprisoned and tortured and to have their hair and mustaches shaved off on their return to Iraq from the match in Kazakhstan.

The Iraqi National Congress, a London-based umbrella group representing several Iraqi opposition groups, claimed that Oday is still unable to walk following an assassination attempt on December 12. Gunmen shot Oday 10 times as he sat in his car in a Baghdad suburb. The attackers, reportedly, have not been caught.

Hill's successor at Williams is feeling the pressure

HOCKENHEIM, Germany (AP) - The Formula One season is in its second half and the pressure is growing on Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the driver who replaced world champion Damon Hill at Williams-Renault.

Although Hill won the drivers' championship last year, his contract with Williams was not renewed. Jacques Villeneuve kept his place, while Hill's slot went to Frentzen.

The season has not gone according to the expectations of Frentzen or his boss, Frank Williams, and Frentzen's grace period may be coming to an end.

"Pressure motivates me," Frentzen said last Thursday as he prepared for today's German Grand Prix, the 10th of the 16 Formula One races this season.

Frentzen has only one victory and two other finishes in the points - among the top six - this season. With 19 points, he is a distant fourth in the drivers' standings.

His teammate Villeneuve is sec-

ond with 43, four behind two-time defending champion Michael Schumacher. Jean Alesi is third with 21.

"I knew it would be a challenge at Williams, but if you look at the points, obviously it's not what I expected," Frentzen's misery was compounded by his mistake at Silverstone two weeks ago, when he stalled his car at the start of the British Grand Prix.

"It was a terrible feeling. It was my mistake. It was my first mistake and I am only a human being. It won't be the last," Frentzen said.

Frentzen said he had talks with team boss Williams and with Patrick Head, the chief engineer. He has also practiced starts.

The German driver declined to provide details of his talks with Williams officials, but he openly admits having problems with Head.

"He hasn't gotten over the generation gap," Frentzen said.

"There are often differences of opinion between Head and the dri-

vers," he said.

Frentzen said the Williams car was not so superior as it was in Hill's days.

"The others are catching up, especially Ferrari," Schumacher has driven his Ferrari to three victories this season and he has been more consistent than Villeneuve, who is trailing although he has one more victory.

Frentzen says it's time to forget about Silverstone and look ahead.

"I am excited to be racing in front of my home crowd again."

After Silverstone I now know how it feels to make a mistake at Williams.

"I knew this time would come so I'm glad it's out of the way so I can get on with putting the record straight and scoring some good World Championship points," he said.

Villeneuve won in Silverstone and the Williams cars are also given a good chance at Hockenheim's fast track. Hill won here last year for Williams.

LONDON (Reuters) - England's cricket chiefs are being urged to consider staging floodlit matches when they host the 1999 World Cup.

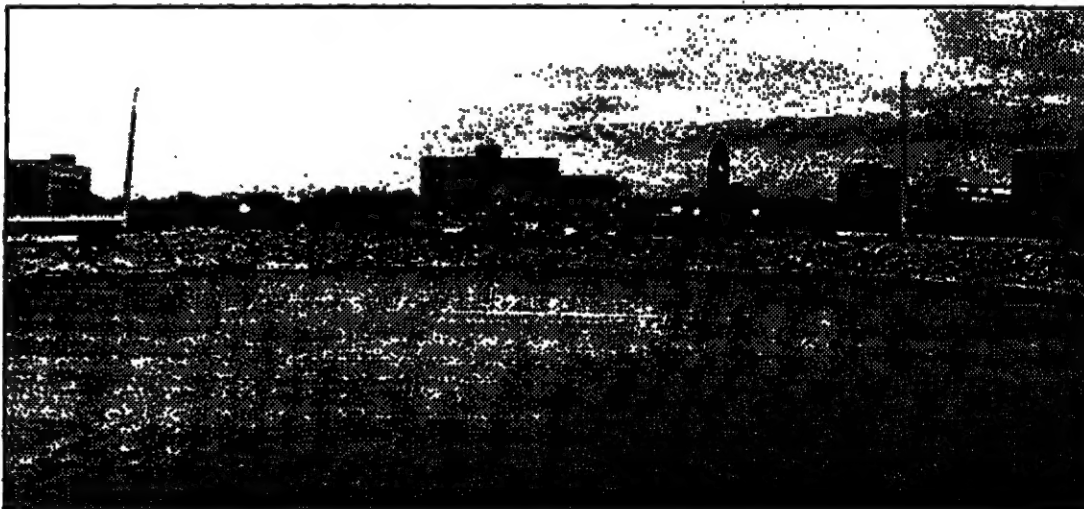
Warwickshire chief executive Dennis Amoss put forward the idea following the outstanding success of a pioneering venture at his county's Edgbaston ground on Wednesday night.

The Birmingham venue was the scene of the first-ever day-night competitive cricket match in Britain, with a bigger-than-expected crowd of 15,174 watching Warwickshire beat Somerset by 35 runs in a rescheduled Sunday League 40 overs game.

Gate receipts and corporate hospitality produced a profit of £70,000. Warwickshire's total revenue through the turnstiles last season was only £40,000.

The spectacle was witnessed by England Cricket Board (ECB) officials including cricket operations manager John Carr.

Amoss said: "We showed them people will come and watch cricket in the evening and maybe the board have to think this is the way forward, maybe for the World Cup, an international match next year or via



SEEING THE LIGHT - The first-ever floodlit cricket match in England was a friendly between Lancashire and Yorkshire, played last week at Old Trafford.

(AP)

more (Sunday) League matches.

"We've a one-day international here against South Africa next year and I think the board should seriously consider staging it as a day-night match," Carr said.

"I was very impressed with the level of interest from the crowd and the atmosphere was more like that of an international match."

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"As regards things like the World Cup, you don't want to get too carried away and run before you can walk. There was a novelty value last night and it was a good evening weather-wise."

"There are day-night matches in other parts of the world so it is a sub-

ject already talked about. But the better things go and the more expectations are exceeded like last night, the more feasible such things become." Floodlit matches were a feature of the last two World Cups, in Australia and New Zealand in 1992 and on the Indian sub-continent in 1996.

Athens athletics world championships face financial nightmare

By COSTAS PARIS

ATHENS - Vicious divisions and a late start in preparations have created a financial nightmare for organisers of the sixth IAAF world championships opening on Friday.

The championships were awarded to the Greek capital after Mexico City turned them down for lack of funds and although the final cost is expected to be around \$36 million, projected revenue is only \$7.3 million.

Added pressure has been placed on the organizers with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voting in September for the host city for the 2004 Games.

"This is the big one. The eyes of the world are on Athens for the championships one month before

the International Olympic Committee votes for the 2004 venue," said one senior government official.

"Athens wants to prove it is the best candidate." Although Gothenburg, the 1995 host city, was given \$7 million by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), the Greek federation SEGAS agreed to undertake the project with no funding.

Soon the bills were running high, including \$4 million for security measures which include 15,000 police on duty throughout the championships.

Sports under-secretary Andreas Fournas and former SEGAS president Stratos Molivas spent a year publicly insulting each other on who was responsible for the mess and who had the upper hand in running the event, putting all preparations on hold.

"With about 10 months to go we had to rush to find suppliers and had no choice but to accept their high prices," said the championships' general manager Vangelis Savramis.

"They knew we were in need and in no position to negotiate." One week before the start, the Olympic stadium still resembles a giant construction site with workers installing new cabling, replacing broken chairs, painting interior walls and installing desks and telephone lines for the media.

"Things always take time in Greece but in the end it all works out fine," Fournas said. "Right now I am under a lot of stress but I know that on August 1 all will be fine."

The championships' financial failure is raising questions about Greece's Olympic bid. Yanna Daskalaki, the Athens 2004 bid committee president, has said if Athens wins the

Games the cost would be \$1.3 billion and revenue about \$1.6 billion.

"If we get the Olympics, I fear there will be widespread mismanagement of funds," Savramis said. "Greeks will end up paying for years after the Games are held." The championships will be scrutinized by some 40 visiting IOC members before the September 5 vote.

Almost all the 110 IOC voting members will visit Greece within the next three weeks, enjoying the usual generous hospitality and meetings with senior government officials including Prime Minister Costas Simitis.

"I am against these extravagant services for IOC members," Savramis said. "This effort to impress your visitors is not the best way to win the Olympics." Athens, which lost the 1996 Games to

Atlanta, is second favorite to Rome to stage the 2004 Olympics. The other three finalists are Stockholm, Cape Town and Buenos Aires.

The world athletics championships at the 80,000 seat Olympic stadium will feature 300 athletes from 200 countries.

The opening ceremony at Athens' marble Panathinaikon Stadium, site of the first modern Olympics in 1896, will include a concert by Oscar-winning composer Vangelis with a spectacular special effects show.

"We wanted to make this championship different and bigger than the others held so far," said Fournas. "We see it as a mini-Olympics."

(Reuters)

Sports Editors: Joseph Hoffmann and Gail Lewis

Israel youth side beaten 2-0 by France

By ORI LEWIS

Israel's national youth soccer side, suffered their second loss in as many matches at the European Championship finals in Iceland yesterday when they were beaten 2-0 by France.

The Israelis, who lost 3-0 to Switzerland in their first outing on Thursday, have no chance of advancing to the latter stages of the competition and their final group game against Ireland tomorrow will be their last in this event.

The French went ahead in added time in the first half after two minutes earlier, Yossi Benayoun had a goal disallowed for offside.

Patrick Maurer's low header just before the referee's whistle, when he pounced on a rebounding free kick which hit the post, sent the Israelis to the dressing rooms in a demoralized state.

The French secured victory five minutes from time with a penalty taken by Sebastian Brocalet.

France lead the four-team group with six points from two wins, while Switzerland and Ireland each have three points from one win.

Israel are bottom of the group on zero points and have yet to score a goal.

France look likely to win the group and advance to the final, while the second-placed finishers will play off for third place against the runners up in the tournament's other group.

Mac. Haifa crush Rishon in Toto Cup

By ORI LEWIS

Most people may not have noticed it, but this weekend marked the opening of the new local soccer season.

It began with a very low-key fixtures list in the Toto Cup, while most enthusiasts were still more intent on getting a sun tan at the beach than splitting sunflower seeds in the grandstands.

The number "five" was the most notable in the weekend's action: Maccabi Haifa crushed Ironi Rishon LeZion 5-0 at Kiryat Eliezer; Hapoel Beersheba also notched up a handful against nine-man Hapoel Haifa in the Negev, although they let in one; and some 5,000 soccer-hungry spectators turned up in Ashkelon to see newly-promoted Hapoel in their first match in the top flight.

It went badly for the Ashkelonites, as they were beaten 3-1 by Hapoel Beit She'an.

In other matches, Hapoel Petah Tikva and Maccabi Tel Aviv drew 1-1, as did Hapoel Jerusalem and Maccabi Petah Tikva on Friday.

Hapoel Kfar Sava beat the other newcomers to the National League, Ironi Ashdod 1-0.

Two matches were not held: Bnei Yehuda v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, due to Bnei's late arrival from their European Cup clash in Macedonia; and Maccabi Herzliya v. Bnei Yehuda.

Herzliya's budget has not yet been approved by the IFA's financial controller, a matter the club expects to have in order before the league proper get under way next weekend.

Major League Baseball

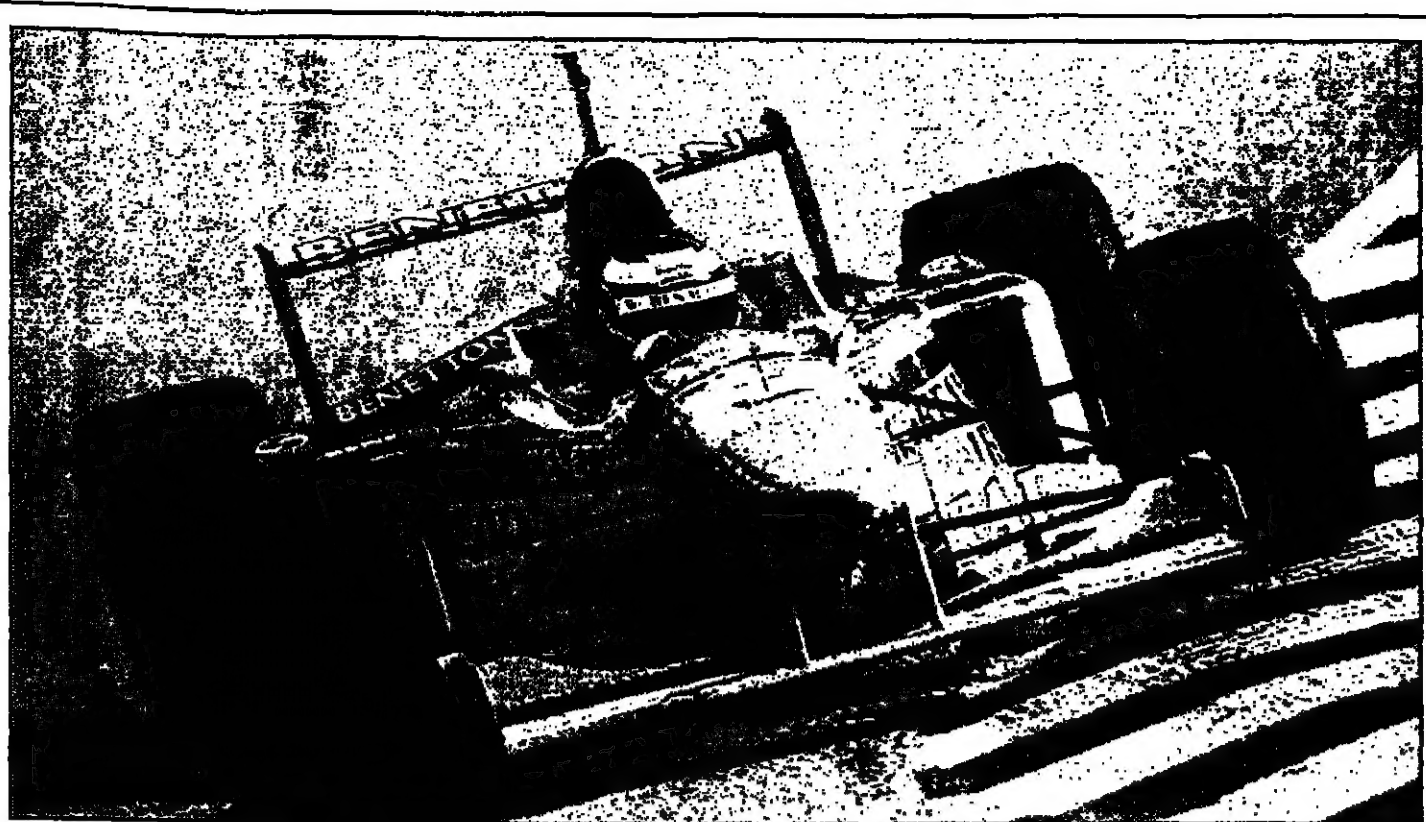
National League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	38	.631	-
Florida	58	42	.580	5
New York	52	48	.518	11
Montreal	52	48	.520	11
Philadelphia	30	70	.300	33
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	55	48	.534	-
Pittsburgh	51	52	.490	4
Cincinnati	48	53	.475	6
Chicago	43	57	.430	10
San Francisco	43	60	.417	12
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	54	49	.524	3
San Diego	50	53	.485	7
Colorado	48	55	.466	9

American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	61	38	.616	-
New York	58	42	.580	3
Toronto	49	49	.500	11
Detroit	47	53	.470	14
Boston	47	58	.458	16
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	52	44	.542	-
Chicago	51	50	.505	3
Minnesota	46	52	.469	7
Minnesota	46	54	.460	8
Kansas City	40	57	.412	12
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	58	44	.569	-
Anheim	56	45	.554	1
Texas	48	53	.475	9
Oakland	42	60	.412	12

Thursday's NL games: Philadelphia 7, San Francisco 4; San Diego 4, Pittsburgh 6; Houston 10, Montreal 5; Colorado 7, Chicago Cubs 1; NY Mets 3, Los Angeles 1; Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 4; Houston 3, Montreal 2; Colorado 9, Chicago Cubs 3; Los Angeles 8, Philadelphia 1; NY Mets 4, San Diego 2; Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 2.

Friday's NL games: Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 1; St. Louis 4, Houston 3; Montreal 2, Colorado 9; Chicago Cubs 3, Los Angeles 8; Philadelphia 1; NY Mets 4, San Diego 2; Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 2.

Friday's AL games: Anaheim 5, Boston 4; Tampa Bay 8, Boston 5; 2nd game; Oakland 2, Cleveland 1; Milwaukee 6, Detroit 1; Seattle 8, NY Yankees 1; Toronto 2, Kansas City 1; Texas 8, Chicago White Sox 5; Minnesota 5, Baltimore 2.



Leading from the front

Austrian Formula One driver Gerhard Berger, driving a Benetton, clinched pole position at yesterday's qualifying session for today's German Grand Prix at Hockenheim.

(Reuters)

Aussie Ashes juggernaut held up by the rain

LEEDS (Reuters) - Rain rescued England on the third day of the third Test at Headingley yesterday after Australia lost just one wicket while moving 201 ahead in the two hours of play available.

Australia reached 373 for five by scoring at more than four runs an over in the morning session, ended a few minutes early when the bad weather set in.

Tasmanian Ricky Ponting completed his first Test century and went on to 127 before giving a skied catch to Mark Ealham at backward point off Darren Gough.

Ian Healy came in and ended the session unbeaten on 27, with Matthew Elliott 164 not out.

Ponting's was a splendid innings and contained 19 fours and one six. He fully justified his recall after being dropped during the home series with West Indies eight months ago.

"I'm glad to have made the most of my chance," said Ponting. "It was tough trying to get back into the side early on. Playing Sheffield Shield I tried to make things happen, but they didn't."

"When I came in to bat it was a bit of a tricky situation but we tried to be positive and it paid off. The wicket flattened out and we started to get the ball into the gaps."

"Now it's important that Matthew Elliott and Ian Healy go on. A lead of 300 would be great because we think the pitch might do something a bit later."

Every run that Elliott scores adds salt to England's wounds after he was dropped in the slips by Graham Thorpe on 29 and twice more later on Friday.

Assuming the rain eventually holds off, England are likely to face a tough examination by Shane Warne as the leg spinner pines into the footmarks made by their weary bowlers.

The weather forecast predicts only "one or two showers" for today followed by a dry and warm final day tomorrow.

On Friday, opener Elliott reached 134 to put Australia well on the way to victory after pummeling Jason Gillespie had wrecked England by taking seven for 37.

It left Australia on 258 for four in their first innings after dismissing England for 172.

Elliott and Ponting turned the match Australia's way after they

also looked in trouble after losing their first four wickets with only 50 on the board.

But the pair then took the attack to the England bowlers with an unbroken partnership of 208 for the fifth wicket.

Gillespie had earlier destroyed England hopes of a reasonable first innings score after night-watchman Dean Headley had aided captain Mike Atherton to give the home side a solid start after they resumed at 106 for three.

But after Headley had made a confident 22, he became Gillespie's first victim of the day to leave England on 138 for four.

England then collapsed miserably, adding only a further 34 runs. Their last six wickets fell for only 18 runs in the space of 54 balls.

When the visitors batted, Darren Gough had captain Mark Taylor caught behind by Alec Stewart before a run had been scored and then removed Greg Blewett the same way for one.

Headley then dismissed the Waugh twins Mark and Steve cheaply and Australia also looked in trouble.

England first innings (overnight 106-3)

M.Butcher c Blewett b Reiffel ... 24
M.Atherton c Gillespie b McGrath ... 7
N.Hussain c Taylor b McGrath ... 26
D.Headley c S.Waugh b Gillespie ... 15
J.Crawley c Blewett b Gillespie ... 2
M.Ealham not out ... 8
R.Croft c Ponting b Gillespie ... 6
D.Gough b Gillespie ... 0
M.Smith b Gillespie ... 0
Extras (b-lb-w-nc) ... 21
Total ... 172
Fall of wickets: 1-43 2-58 3-103 4-138 5-154 6-154 7-183 8-172 9-172
Bowling: McGrath 22-5-67-2, Reiffel 20-4-41-1, Gillespie 13-4-1-37-7, Blewett 3-0-17-0, Warne 1-0-2-0.

Australia first innings (overnight 258-4)

M.Taylor c Stewart b Gough ... 0
M.Elliott not out ... 164
G.Gillespie c Stewart b Gough ... 1
M.Waugh c Headley ... 8
S.Waugh c Crawley b Headley ... 127
I.Healy not out ... 27
Extras (b-lb-w-nc) ... 42
Total (for 5 wickets) ... 373
Fall of wickets: 0-1 2-16 3-43 4-50 5-318
To bat: S.Warne, P.Reiffel, J.Gillespie, G.McGrath
Bowling (date): Gough 28-5-104-3, Headley 21-1-105-2, Smith 18-2-86-0, Ealham 10-2-3-24-0, Croft 18-1-45-0, Butcher 2-0-14-0.

All Blacks too strong for Australia

MELBOURNE (Reuters) - Holders New Zealand clinched the Bledisloe Cup and put one hand on the Tri-Nations championship with a 33-18 victory over Australia yesterday - a performance described by coach John Hart as proof of his side's outstanding resolve and character.

Hart described the All Blacks' emphatic victory, coming only one week after their stirring comeback win against South Africa in the series opener, as a sensational team effort.

"We showed tremendous resolve," said the coach, who had complained beforehand about his players' heavy travel schedule and lack of recovery time.

"It was the biggest challenge for an All Black side in many years - to win in Johannesburg and then in Melbourne."

"It was a sensational performance given what we have gone through. It was a clinical and quite decisive win," he said.

The rampant New Zealanders displayed no sign of fatigue by scoring three tries to two in front of a record 90,119 crowd in the first rugby union Test to be staged at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

New Zealand dominated in all areas in the unfamiliar surroundings, normally the venue for cricket and Aussie Rules football, to take an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three match Bledisloe Cup series.

Veteran center Frank Bunce, winger Jeff Wilson and full back Christian Cullen scored tries as the

visitors raced to a 30-6 lead midway through the second half.

Fly half Carlos Spencer converted all three and landed four penalties in a perfect kicking display.

Australia salvaged some respectability with two late tries but the scoreline flattered their ineffective display.

Wallaby full back Matt Burke landed two first half penalties as the outclassed home side trailed 23-6 at the interval.

The match was already well beyond Australia's reach when scrum half George Gregan added a late converted try before center Jason Little cut his side's losing margin with another score in the corner.

With the return home fixtures against the Springboks and Australia to come, New Zealand appear poised to maintain their overwhelming domination of southern hemisphere rugby union.

The latest victory, their sixth successive win against Australia since 1994, was achieved on the strength of another inspirational display by captain Sean Fitzpatrick.

The veteran hooker was in doubt until only hours before kickoff because of a knee injury, but his mere presence appeared to lift his side.

Australia's woes were compounded when fly half Tim Horan broke his hand early in the match, ruling him out of the clash with South Africa in Brisbane next Saturday.

Sri Lanka rout India to win Asia Cup

COLOMBO (Reuters) - World champions Sri Lanka, spurred by impressive innings from their openers and skipper, routed India by eight wickets to win the Asia Cup at home yesterday.

They won in style, batting second and knocking the 240 runs needed for victory with 13 overs to spare.

"Sri Lanka played like world champs and we didn't have a chance," said Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar.

Their fielding was excellent with about two or three superb catches. We fell short by about 20 or 30 runs," he added.

Sanath Jayasuriya set the pace for Sri Lanka with a blistering knock of 63 off 52 balls (two sixes, eight fours) sharing a first wicket stand of 137 off 109 balls with Mavan Atapattu.

After the quick exit of Aravinda de Silva, who made six before holing a return catch to Saurav Ganguly, skipper Arjuna Ranatunga

and Atapattu shared an unbroken third wicket stand of 96 runs off 104 balls to seal Sri Lanka's victory.

Atapattu finished with an undefeated 84 scored off 101 balls with one six and six fours to take the Man of the Match award, his second in the competition. Ranatunga was unbeaten on 62 scored off 67 deliveries with three sixes and five fours.

The innings carried his series tally to 272 runs from four matches at an average of 136.00 and gave him the Man of the Series award.

The victory ended India's run as Asia Cup champions since 1988. They had defended the title successfully in India and in Sharjah.

It was Sri Lanka's second Asia Cup win following their first in 1986 when they last hosted it.

Earlier former captain Mohammed Azharuddin scored 81 to steer India to a total of 239 for seven wickets after Tendulkar had won the toss and decided to bat first.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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Herzliya: Cial Pharm, Beit Merkazim, 6 Merkazim, 581-0108; Herzliya Pituh, 955-9472, 955-8407, Open 9 a.m. to midnight.
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DUTY HOSPITALS
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177-022-9110.
The National Poison Control Center at Rambam Hospital 04-822-9205. 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.
Eilat: Emergency First Aid - 1201, also Jerusalem 561-0303, Tel Aviv 548-1111 (children/youth 548-0738), Rishon LeZion 956-655172, Haifa 867-2222, Beersheba 849-3353, Netanya 882-5110, Karmiel 988-8770, Kfar Sava 767-4555, Hadera 634-6788.
Crisis Center for Religious Women 02-655-57445, 24-hour service, confidentiality guaranteed.
Wife hotlines for battered women 02-651-1111, 03-548-1133 (also in Russian), 07-637-6310, 08-655-0505 (also in Amharic).
Rape Crisis Center (24 hours), Tel Aviv 523-4819, 544-9151 (moss), Jerusalem 625-5558, Haifa 853-0533, Eilat 633-1977.
Hadassah Medical Organization - Israel Cancer Association support service 02-624-7676).

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SPORTS

in brief

Tour time-trial triumph for Olan

PARIS (Reuters) - Abraham Olan finally came up trumps when he won the 20th stage of the Tour de France, a 63-km time trial at Disneyland Paris yesterday.

The Spaniard, who has had a disappointing Tour, was 45 seconds faster than overall race leader Jan Ullrich who is set to be crowned winner on the Champs Elysees today.

Olan just failed to snatch third place overall from Italian Marco Pantani who suffered a puncture.

Defending champion Bjane Riis's woes continued when he twice had to change wheels in the opening section. He finished 9:12 adrift of Olan.

The Dane threw his bike into the grass verge in disgust when he realized he needed a second change.

Walsh named Windies captain for Pakistan tour

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (Reuters) - Fast bowler Courtney Walsh has been appointed captain of the West Indies cricket team to tour Pakistan later this year.

Walsh, 34, retains his position ahead of brilliant but temperamental 27-year-old batsman Brian Lara, who is widely regarded as captain-in-waiting.

Walsh has led the West Indies in their last four Test series but this will be his first tour to Pakistan as captain.

The Jamaican fast bowler, who replaced the retired Richie Richardson after the World Cup last year, has led the side to winning series against New Zealand, India and Sri Lanka, while losing 2-3 to Australia.

Favre gets richest NFL contract

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (Reuters) - Brett Favre, who guided the Green Bay Packers to their first Super Bowl triumph in nearly three decades, was given a contract extension on Friday reportedly making him the highest-paid player in the National Football League.

The seven-year deal was announced Friday at a news conference at Lambeau Field, a day before the Packers host the Miami Dolphins in their preseason opener.

Terms were not disclosed, but the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reported that Favre has signed for seven more seasons. The contract, the paper reported, includes a signing bonus of \$12 million, will average between \$6 million and \$6.5 million per year and obligate Favre to the Packers through the 2003 season, when he will be 34.

Rain spoils Gooch's retirement party

LONDON (Reuters) - Former England captain Graham Gooch's retirement party was spoiled by the fickle English weather yesterday.

Essex fans were hoping for a swashbuckling knock from Gooch on the final day of his first-class career. But rain cut almost four hours from the day's play and the championship game against Worcestershire ended in a tame draw.

Gooch denied himself the opportunity of a 651st first-class innings for Essex before bringing down the curtain on his 25-year career.

Worcestershire skipper Tom Moody offered to declare after

Graeme Hick had completed a second innings century to ensure his side were safe from defeat.

But the offer was turned down by Gooch. He bowled two overs as Worcestershire batted through to the close.

The Worcestershire players then lined up to give him a guard of honor as he left the outfield.

Gooch, 44, had been given a standing ovation by the 3,000 crowd when he led out Essex at the start of the morning's play with high hopes of signing off with a victory.

Gloucestershire were the only side to beat the weather. They needed just 41 minutes to complete an innings victory over Durham at Cheltenham.

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WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks up as
inflation fears ebb

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks

opened higher Friday morning, heading into record territory for the fourth straight session amid continued optimism that inflation remains tame.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.97 at 8,136.90, building on Thursday's 28-point climb that took the blue-chip index above 8,100 for the first time.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by an 11-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 60.70 million shares, up from Thursday's early pace.

Broad-market indexes were also higher. The Standard and Poor's 500 list was up 3.02 at a record 943.30, the NYSE composite index was up 1.20 at a record 488.51 and the American Stock Exchange composite index was up 1.39 at 638.44.

The Nasdaq composite index was also higher, up 7.05 at 1,576.15. Helping boost the Nasdaq was Dell Computer, up 2.38 at 172.38, and Microsoft, up 1.75 at 139.78.

Stocks surged Friday morning, following three straight record-setting sessions that lifted the Dow over 210 points. The Dow has now gained over 26 percent this year, equalling its rise for all of 1996.

Most of the gains this week have been attributed to the encouraging midyear report to the U.S. Congress

by Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan on Tuesday. The Fed chairman did not hint of any imminent increase in the central bank's key lending rate.

In March, Fed officials raised a key rate higher to slow the economy and as a pre-emptive strike against inflation.

Since then, the Fed has decided against further rate hikes, which could have hurt profit growth.

Friday, the Commerce Department reported a 2.3% rise in orders for durable goods last month. While the gain was bigger-than-expected, the report did little to rattle investors, who still believe the economy remains healthy without the threat of inflation.

Overseas, Tokyo's Nikkei stock average rose 0.5% and Frankfurt's DAX index fell 0.4%. In afternoon trading, London's FTSE-100 was down 0.3%.

Key Representative Rates

US DollarNIS 3.533	+0.08%
SterlingNIS 5.9122	+0.26%
MarkNIS 1.9357	+0.81%

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

Index	Last	Change
DJ Industrial	913.44	+3.49
DJ Transport	2626.11	+1.25
DJ Utility	237.28	+1.25
DJ Comp	545.23	+1.23
NYSE Index	943.30	+3.02
Nasdaq	1576.15	+7.05
AMEX	638.44	+1.39
S&P 500	943.30	+3.02
S&P 500 Ind.	943.30	+3.02

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

Index	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4394.4	-0.3
Nikkei 225	15761.5	+50.0
DAX	1576.15	+7.05
Hong Kong Hang Seng	15708.2	-0.1

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

Currency	Last	Change
British pound	1.9357	+0.81%
Swiss franc	1.9357	+0.81%
Japanese yen	1.9357	+0.81%
West German mark	1.9357	+0.81%
French franc	1.9357	+0.81%
Italian lira	1.9357	+0.81%
Spanish peseta	1.9357	+0.81%
Portuguese escudo	1.9357	+0.81%
Belgian franc	1.9357	+0.81%
Dutch guilder	1.9357	+0.81%

US COMMODITIES

Commodity	Last	Change
Crude oil (WTI)	22.94	+0.07
Gold (COMEX)	375.00	+0.00
Silver (COMEX)	5.15	+0.00
Copper (COMEX)	1.55	+0.00
Aluminum (COMEX)	0.95	+0.00
Zinc (COMEX)	0.85	+0.00
Nickel (COMEX)	0.75	+0.00
Lead (COMEX)	0.65	+0.00
Tin (COMEX)	0.55	+0.00
Platinum (COMEX)	0.45	+0.00

LONDON COMMODITIES

Commodity	Last	Change
Crude oil (ICE)	22.94	+0.07
Gold (ICE)	375.00	+0.00
Silver (ICE)	5.15	+0.00
Copper (ICE)	1.55	+0.00
Aluminum (ICE)	0.95	+0.00
Zinc (ICE)	0.85	+0.00
Nickel (ICE)	0.75	+0.00
Lead (ICE)	0.65	+0.00
Tin (ICE)	0.55	+0.00
Platinum (ICE)	0.45	+0.00

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

Metal	Last	Change
Gold (spot)	375.00	+0.00
Silver (spot)	5.15	+0.00
Copper (spot)	1.55	+0.00
Aluminum (spot)	0.95	+0.00
Zinc (spot)	0.85	+0.0

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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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The Kfar Blum festival continues today with two concerts. At 5 p.m., young musicians from the Jerusalem Music Center will perform works by Dvorak, Milhaud, Brahms, and Pärt, while at 9 p.m. you can enjoy Oron Schwartz's *Nescimus Persolvere* for trumpet, piano and percussion, as well as Mendelssohn's second string quartet performed by the visiting Ariane Quartet from Belgium and Tchaikovsky's *Souvenirs from Florence*.

The summer opera program of the Israel Vocal Arts Institute opens today with a masterclass by IVAI director Joan Dornemann. Tomorrow, renowned mezzo-soprano Mignon Dum presents a masterclass, while Dornemann gives another masterclass on Tuesday. All masterclasses take place at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv at 7.

The Keshet Eilon workshop opens today at Kibbutz Eilon in western Galilee with a masterclass given by Shlomo Mintz (5 p.m.). Masterclasses continue daily through this week at 5. Tomorrow (8:30) there is a faculty concert by violinist Annie Schnarch and pianist Galina Zonis.



Happily divorced Lilly (Bette Midler) and Dan (Dennis Farina) reunite at their daughter's wedding in 'That Old Feeling.'

Reiner's technique is deliberately old-fashioned, but it isn't stuffy. If anything, his skewed affection for the misbehaving characters harks back to the sophisticated amorality of Lubitsch and Mankiewicz, with a bit of '60s sitcom thrown in. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

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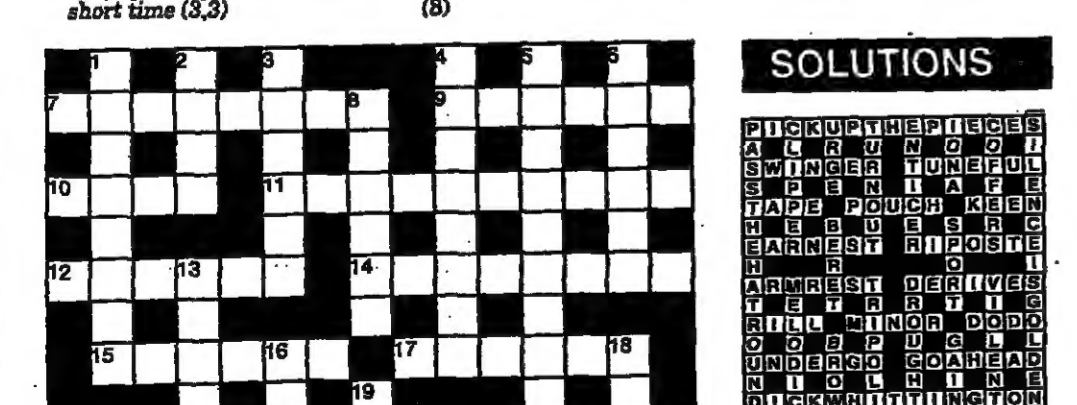
*** THAT OLD FEELING - In this enjoyably retrograde romantic comedy, Bette Midler and Dennis Farina play a divorced couple who claim to despise each other but who turn out still to be deeply in love. After 14 years of marriage to other, less compatible partners, they are reunited at their daughter's wedding and they can't keep their hands off each other: first they wrestle and then they embrace. Written (by Leslie Dixon) expressly for Midler, the movie gives its star ample opportunity to ham and stay in character, and though her performance is basically a long, belted one-note, it's quite winning. Director Carl

Although Channel 8's daily framework programs are on vacation, the slots dedicated to different topics remain in place. As part of tonight's history and biography focus, we go way back in history to take an in-depth look at Attila, king of the Huns, who was known in the West as "Attila, Scourge of God." In Western historiography he is known as the greatest barbarian ruler, who assailed the Roman Empire and swept across Europe from the Alps and the Baltic area all the way to Italy and Gaul. The destruction he left behind spelled the end of the Roman Empire and the beginning of the Dark Ages. This biography, at 9:25 tonight, tries to present Attila as he really was, a shrewd and tough leader who managed to turn different tribes of nomadic tribes into an impressive war machine.



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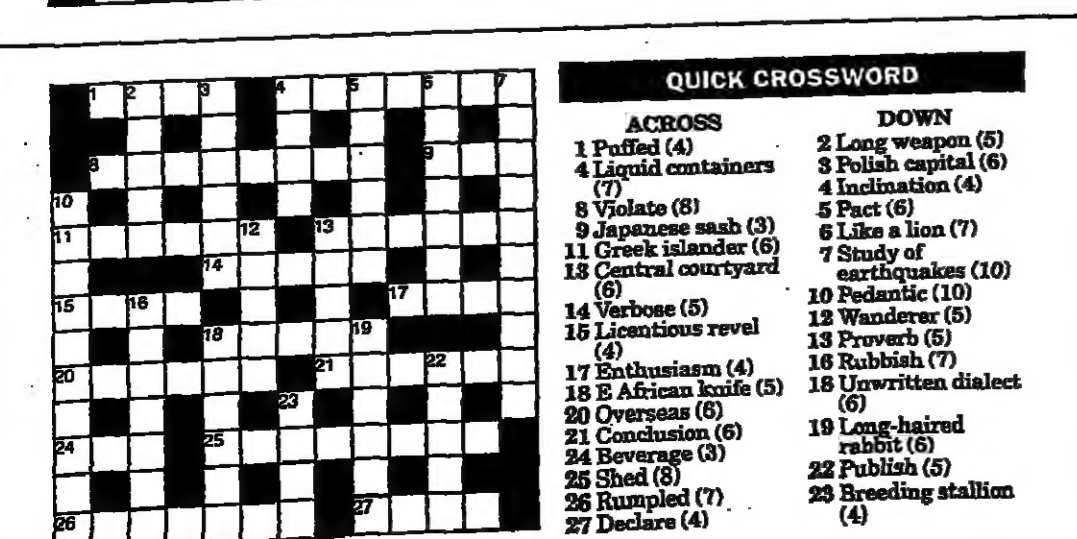
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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>7 Bookkeepers in public are gloomy (8)</p> <p>9 Where are you to stay permanently? (6)</p> <p>10 To produce woollens is utterly silly (4)</p> <p>11 Warning of dire domination (10)</p> <p>12 Airman enters only to offer comfort (6)</p> <p>14 Naturally, it relates to the racetrack (2,6)</p> <p>15 Society girl has metal aptitude (6)</p> <p>17 George Desmond finds crystal-lined cavities (6)</p> <p>20 Reckon the man's taking notes in chapel (8)</p> <p>22 Stop putting workers on short time (3,3)</p> | <p>23 Just the pitch for a travelling show (10)</p> <p>24 Broke a piece of sculpture (4)</p> <p>25 Worst cloth I made for a Muscovite male (6)</p> <p>26 Faithful follower made me genial (8)</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Archdeacon therefore participates in English service (8)</p> <p>2 Curse many a renegade (4)</p> <p>3 Vessel portrayed by painter in restaurant (6)</p> <p>4 Top clan involved in deal (8)</p> | <p>5 Why Di's aunt prepared a feast (4,6)</p> <p>6 Villains taken in hand by shepherds (6)</p> <p>8 A less the match for two males? (6)</p> <p>13 Everyone present admits silver is in fashion (3,4)</p> <p>16 Use the colander again, but keep the lid on (8)</p> <p>18 Flannel one can wash with (4,4)</p> <p>19 The occasional worker is offhand (6)</p> <p>21 After knocking back drink Edward gets euphoric (6)</p> <p>22 Steps-up for a trainee teller (6)</p> <p>24 Regina retired and had children (4)</p> |
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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Puffed (4)

4 Liquid containers (7)

8 Violate (8)

9 Japanese saab (3)

11 Greek islander (6)

13 Central courtyard (6)

14 Verbose (5)

15 Licitious revel (4)

17 Enthusiasm (4)

18 B African knife (5)

20 Overseas (6)

21 Conclusion (6)

24 Beverage (3)

25 Shed (8)

26 Rumbled (7)

27 Declare (4)

DOWN

2 Long weapon (5)

3 Polish capital (6)

4 Inclination (4)

5 Pact (6)

6 Like a lion (7)

7 Study of earthquakes (10)

10 Pedantic (10)

12 Wanderer (5)

13 Proverb (5)

16 Rubbish (7)

18 Unwritten dialect (6)

19 Long-haired rabbit (6)

22 Publish (5)

23 Breeding stallion (4)

TV

- CHANNEL 1**
- 6:30 News flash
- 6:31 News in Arabic
- 6:45 Exercise Time
- 7:00 Good Morning Israel
- JORDAN TV**
- 15:30 Holy Koran
- 15:35 French programs
- 16:05 America's Home videos
- 16:30 Energy Express
- 17:15 American Chart Show
- 17:30 French programs
- 19:00 News in French
- 19:30 News headlines
- 19:35 The Fresh Traveler
- 20:00 Cinema, Cinema
- 20:30 National Geographic
- 21:10 Renaissance
- 21:00 News in English
- 22:30 One West Viakiki
- 23:15 Sisters
- CHANNEL 1**
- 15:30 Zappy Wave
- 15:35 M4
- 15:50 Super Ben
- 16:00 Heartbreak High
- 16:45 Super Ben
- 17:00 A Second Look
- 17:34 Zappy Wave
- 18:10 Super Ben
- 18:15 News in English
- ARABIC PROGRAMS**
- 18:30 The Asher Group
- 19:00 News in Arabic
- HEBREW PROGRAMS**
- 19:30 News flash
- 19:31 Home Improvement
- 20:00 News
- 20:45 A Second Look
- 21:30 Rhodes - part 3
- 22:30 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Thompkins - two accused teenagers amuse themselves by preparing a home-made poison. When it disappears, suspicion is aroused
- 23:30 News
- 00:00 A Glimpse at the Kishon
- CHANNEL 2**
- 6:15 Today's programs
- 6:30 Children's songs and stories
- 8:55 The Morning
- 9:00 Ravit Michaeli
- 9:55 Senora
- 10:45 International Jewish Identity Quiz -
- 11:42 Enchanted Journey
- 12:33 Jenny and the Captain
- 13:00 Status
- 13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
- 14:00 Degra Junior High
- 14:30 Tic Tac
- 15:00 The Firststones
- 15:28 Madison
- 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
- 16:50 Different Driving
- 17:00 News magazine
- 17:30 Click
- 18:00 Rosanne
- 18:33 Can't Hurry Love
- 19:00 Family Money (pt)
- 20:00 News
- 20:30 Wheel of Fortune
- 21:35 Chicago Hope
- 22:33 Poetics of the Masses
- 23:15 Cold Lazarus - series by Dennis Potter, Part 3
- 00:00 News
- 00:05 Cold Lazarus - series by Dennis Potter, Part 3
- 00:35 Midnight Blues
- 1:41 Bonnie and Clyde: The True Story (1982) - a retelling of the story of the infamous bank robbers, this time played by teenagers, and shot on location in East Texas. With Tracy Medham and Dana Ashbrook
- 3:14 Platforms - short film on a suicide attempt that results in an odd friendship
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- MIDDLE EAST TV** (unconfirmed)
- 10:30 Changed Lives
- 11:00 The 700 Club
- 11:30 Hour of Power
- 12:30 Central Message
- 13:00 Love World
- 14:00 This is Your Day
- 14:30 John Osteen
- 15:00 In Touch
- 16:00 Snowy River
- 16:30 Benico (Hebrew, 1987) - comedy by Ze'ev Revah
- 20:25 Out of Anne's Past (1994) - the former most of a Russian gangster is blackmailed by a private detective. With Mary Catherine Stewart
- 22:00 Wyatt Earp (1994) - epic biography of the famous Wild West lawman starring Kevin Costner
- 1:05 Rm (1994) - young man in love with his best friend's wife finds himself in a romantic triangle
- 2:30 Sunset Girl (1992) - a private eye investigating the murder of his ex-wife finds the trail leads to Beverly Hills. (89 mins.)
- CHILDREN (6)**
- 6:30 Cartoons
- 9:10 Journey to the Heart of the Earth
- 9:40 Dennis the Menace
- 10:20 What a Mess
- 10:50 Freekazzoo
- 11:10 Ben and Stimp
- 11:20 The Hot-Air Balloon
- 11:45 Family Matters
- 12:10 Animaniacs
- 12:30 The Quesin Line
- 21:50 Alphas (Mongolian) - a Mongolian boxer falls in love with his trainer's daughter
- 22:05 Abode of Illusion - the life and art of Chang Dai Chien (1898-1983), considered the Picasso of China
- FAMILY CHANNEL (3)**
- 7:00 Lapidanlover (pt)
- 7:30 G.G. Gil
- 8:00 Dallas (pt)
- 9:00 One Life to Live
- 9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)
- 10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt)
- 11:15 Zingara (pt)
- 12:00 Barnaby Jones
- 12:45 The Commish
- 13:00 European Living
- 14:00 Dallas
- 14:50 Days of Our Lives
- 15:40 Ricki Lake
- 16:15 One Life to Live
- 18:00 Good Evening With Guy Pines
- 18:30 Local Broadcast
- 19:00 The Young and the Restless
- 19:45 Sunset Beach
- 20:30 Trina King
- 20:30 Channel 3 on the Town
- 21:40 Friends
- 22:05 E.R.
- 23:00 Seinfeld
- MOVIE CHANNEL (4)**
- 11:30 Visions of the Night (1995) (pt)
- 13:05 Hotel Sorento (1994) - three very funny, teenage son reunite and old grudges resurface
- 15:00 The Mask (1994) - wild comedy with Jim Carrey (pt)
- 16:45 The Daughter of D'Angelo (1994) - the daughter of a Russian gangster sets out to revenge the murder of her mother Superior
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PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
19:30	News flash	Home Improvement	News	Sunset Beach	Helen and the Boys	Three's Company	Return to the Sea	
20:00	A Second Look	Wheel of Fortune	Travis King	Channel 3 on the Town	Out of Annie's Past	Roseanne	Deadly Duels	
21:00	Rhodes	Chicago Hope	Friends	E.R.	Wyatt Earp	The Cosby Show	Attila, Scourge of God	
22:00	The Ruth Rendell Mysteries	Poetics of the Masses	Seinfeld			The Things in Life	Cousteau: Australia	
23:00								

Life (French, 1969) - a middle-aged man in hospital after an accident reflects on his relationships with his business, teenage son and wife. With Romy Schneider, Michel Piccoli and Lea Massari. Directed by Claude Sautet

23:30 Best of Tonight Show with Jay Leno

00:00 TECCX (pt)

1:00 Ticker, Jazz

1:30 The Ticket

CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University

6:00 Wonders of Weather: Forecasting

6:30 On the Road Again, part 4 (pt)

9:00 Wild Man: Living Dangerously (pt)

9:30 Ruben Remembrance

10:30 Sinfonietta: Universal Singing

11:05 Five Ballies

12:05 Requiem

12:45 Moonshot, part 2 (pt)

13:35 Return to the Sea: Small World (pt)

14:00 Snappers (pt)

14:30 Heaven, Hell and Suburbia: The Shining City (pt)

14:55 Gore Vidal's American Presidents, part 3 (pt)

15:25 Bill Clinton (pt)

16:15 Cousteau: Andaman Island (pt)

17:00 Open University

17:30 Body Building

20:00 Return to the Sea, part 13: The Real

20:30 Deadly Duels - three-part history of dueling

21:25 Attila, Scourge of God - a biography of the Hun king

22:15 Cousteau: Australia

23:05 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Executive

6:30 Ticket

7:00 Travel Xpress

7:30 Inspiration

8:00 Hour of Power

10:00 Time and Again

11:00 Austin Living

12:00 Super Show

13:00 Table Tennis

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14:00 Inside the PGA Tour

15:00 This Week in Baseball - final game

16:00 Major League Baseball

17:00 WNBA Basketball

18:00 The McLaughlin Group

19:30 Meet the Press

20:30

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STAR SPORTS (unconfirmed)

8:30 Table Tennis

8:30 Asian Soccer Show

9:30 Rugby

11:00 Sports India

11:30 Golf: US PGA

13:00 Sports Unlimited

14:15 Auto: Formula 1

15:00 German Grand Prix

17:00 Tennis

18:30 Table Tennis

21:30 Cricket

BBC WORLD

News on the hour

8:30 Hard Talk (pt)

7:30 This Week (pt)

8:30 India Business Report

9:30 Hard Talk (pt)

10:30 Window on Europe (pt)

11:30 Airport

12:05 Timewatch: Myth of the Spanish Inquisition (pt)

13:30 Building Signs

14:30 Hard Talk (pt)

15:05 The Last Governor (pt)

16:05 Breakfast with Frost

17:30 India Business Report

18:05 Horizon (pt)

19:30 Top Gear (pt)

20:05 Timewatch (pt)

21:30 Hard Talk (pt)

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23:30 Hot Gossip (pt)

00:00 World Business Report

CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day

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6:30 Evans and Novak

7:30 Global View

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- 00:00 World Business Report
- EUROSPORT**
- 9:30 Equestrian: Nations Cup, Sweden
- 10:30 IndyCar World Series
- 11:00 4x4 Offroad in Iceland
- MOVIES**
- JERUSALEM**
- 6:30 RAY-GAT 1-2 = 8974311 Breakdown-Speed 2:43, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30, 17:30, 19:30, 21:30, 23:30, 25:30, 27:30, 29:30, 31:30, 33:30, 35:30, 37:30, 39:30, 41:30, 43:30, 45:30, 47:30, 49:30, 51:30, 53:30, 55:30, 57:30, 59:30, 61:30, 63:30, 65:30, 67:30, 69:30, 71:30, 73:30, 75:30, 77:30, 79:30, 81:30, 83:30, 85:30, 87:30, 89:30, 91:30, 93:30, 95:30, 97:30, 99:30, 101:30, 103:30, 105:30, 107:30, 109:30, 111:30, 113:30, 115:30, 117:30, 119:30, 121:30, 123:30, 125:30, 127:30, 129:30, 131:30, 133:30, 135:30, 137:30, 139:30, 141:30, 143:30, 145:30, 147:30, 149:30, 151:30, 153:30, 155:30, 157:30, 159:30, 161:30, 163:30, 165:30, 167:30, 169:30, 171:30, 173:30, 175:30, 177:30, 179:30, 181:30, 183:30, 185:30, 187:30, 189:30, 191:30, 193:30, 195:30, 197:30, 199:30, 201:30, 203:30, 205:30, 207:30, 209:30, 211:30, 213:30, 215:30, 217:30, 219:30, 221:30, 223:30, 225:30, 227:30, 229:30, 231:30, 233:30, 235:30, 237:30, 239:30, 241:30, 243:30, 245:30, 247:30, 249:30, 251:30, 253:30, 255:30, 257:30, 259:30, 261:30, 263:30, 265:30, 267:30, 269:30, 271:30, 273:30, 275:30, 277:30, 279:30, 281:30, 283:30, 285:30, 287:30, 289:30, 291:30, 293:30, 295:30, 297:30, 299:30, 301:30, 303:30, 305:30, 307:30, 309:30, 311:30, 313:30, 315:30, 317:30, 319:30, 321:30, 323:30, 325:30, 327:30, 329:30, 331:30, 333:30, 335:30, 337:30, 339:30, 341:30, 343:30, 345:30, 347:30, 349:30, 351:30, 353:30, 355:30, 357:30, 359:30, 361:30, 363:30, 365:30, 367:30, 369:30, 371:30, 373:30, 375:30, 377:30, 379:30, 381:30, 383:30, 385:30, 387:30, 389:30, 391:30, 393:30, 395:30, 397:30, 399:30, 401:30, 403:30, 405:30, 407:30, 409:30, 411:30, 413:30, 415:30, 417:30, 419:30, 421:30, 423:30, 425:30, 427:30, 429:30, 431:30, 433:30, 435:30, 437:30, 439:30, 441:30, 443:30, 445:30, 447:30, 449:30, 451:30, 453:30, 455:30, 457:30, 459:30, 461:30, 463:30, 465:30, 467:30, 469:30, 471:30, 473:30, 475:30, 477:30, 479:30, 481:30, 483:30, 485:30, 487:30, 489:30, 491:30, 493:30, 495:30, 497:30, 499:30, 501:30, 503:30, 505:30, 507:30, 509:30, 511:30, 513:30, 515:30, 517:30, 519:30, 521:30, 523:30, 525:30, 527:30, 529:30, 531:30, 533:30, 535:30, 537:30, 539:30, 541:30, 543:30, 545:30, 547:30, 549:30, 551:30, 553:30, 555:30, 557:30, 559:30, 561:30, 563:30, 565:30, 567:30, 569:30, 571:30, 573:30, 575:30, 577:30, 579:30, 581:30, 583:30, 585:30, 587:30, 589:30, 591:30, 593:30, 595:30, 597:30, 599:30, 601:30, 603:30, 605:30, 607:30, 609:30, 611:30, 613:30, 615:30, 617:30, 619:30, 621:30, 623:30, 625:30, 627:30, 629:30, 631:30, 633:30, 635:30, 637:30, 639:30, 641:30, 643:30, 645:30, 647:30, 649:30, 651:30, 653:30, 655:30, 657:30, 659:30, 661:30, 663:30, 665:30, 667:30, 669:30, 671:30, 673:30, 675:30, 677:30, 679:30, 681:30, 683:30, 685:30, 687:30, 689:30, 691:30, 693:30, 695:30, 697:30, 699:30, 701:30, 703:30, 705:30, 707:30, 709:30, 711:30, 713:30, 715:30, 717:30, 719:30, 721:30, 723:30, 725:30, 727:30, 729:30, 731:30, 733:30, 735:30, 737:30, 739:30, 741:30, 743:30, 745:30, 747:30, 749:30, 751:30, 753:30, 755:30, 757:30, 759:30, 761:30, 763:30, 765:30, 767:30, 769:30, 771:30, 773:30, 775:30, 777:30, 779:30, 781:30, 783:30, 785:30, 787:30, 789:30, 791:30, 793:30, 795:30, 797:30, 799:30, 801:30, 803:30, 805:30, 807:30, 809:30, 811:30, 813:30, 815:30, 817:30, 819:30, 821:30, 823:30, 825:30, 827:30, 829:30, 831:30, 833:30, 835:30, 837:30, 839:30, 841:30, 843:30, 845:30, 847:30, 849:30, 851:30, 853:30, 855:30, 857:30, 859:30, 861:30, 863:30, 865:30, 867:30, 869:30, 871:30, 873:30, 875:30, 877:30, 879:30, 881:30, 883:30, 885:

US not extending Palestinian law

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - The Clinton Administration has reversed course and decided not to seek an extension of a law overseeing US-Palestinian relations, potentially harming Washington's role in the peace process.

The State Department's legislative bureau informed a number of House and Senate offices late last week that it does not intend to pursue a temporary extension, Congressional sources said yesterday.

The law in question is the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPFA), which was enacted following the Oslo I accord and allows the president to waive various prohibitions on US-PLO relations. It will expire on August 13.

Because MEPFA was not likely to be rewritten by the time Congress adjourned Friday for its month-long summer recess, it was anticipated that the current law would be extended by 60 or 90 days, as has been the case in the past.

The administration's decision is puzzling, as it will have repercussions on several aspects of the US-Palestinian relationship: the PLO's K Street office would be ordered shut, no aid could be transferred to the Palestinian Authority and the US would have to vote against UN and World Bank funding for the PA.

The decision "contradicts everything [US special envoy Dennis Ross] has told us, which is that there will be significant consequences if this lapses, that it will be seen by the Palestinians and the Arabs as a US bias," a Congressional source said.

Just a week earlier, a senior US official told *The Jerusalem Post* that the administration was pushing for at least a temporary extension of the law.

Administration officials could not be reached for comment Friday.

Members of Congress also are perplexed by the lack of a clear Israeli government line on whether or not it supports a MEPFA extension. During their recent visits to Capitol Hill, Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh and prime ministerial adviser Uzi Arad gave answers to questions on the subject that were "as twisted as a pretzel," according to one Congressional source.

The White House decision came as it also informed Congress last week that it would not submit its required semi-annual report on Palestinian compliance with

its peace commitments. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, for one, was said to be adamant that the compliance report be submitted as mandated - or no extension.

Congressional and diplomatic sources here believe that the US report, which by various calculations was to have been sent to Capitol Hill by last Wednesday, was not submitted because the administration was concerned it could not truthfully state that the PLO was in compliance. As a result, the sources said, US-PLO relations will remain the same, but the administration is spared either the embarrassment of having to declare the PLO in violation of the accords or the wrath of Congress for certifying PLO noncompliance during a period when a PA official called for the death penalty for Arabs selling land to Israelis.

the PA is seen as having instigated the Hebron clashes and Israel caught PA police on their way to committing a terrorist act.

Should Israeli-Palestinian talks resume by the time both houses reconvene in early September, they added, the improved atmosphere would allow for the Administration and Congress to cooperate to rewrite MEPFA for the long term.

However, if the situation does not improve, it could be months before the law is extended and renewed. Even when it is, members of Congress - especially in the House - are eager to strengthen the bill to put greater pressure on the PA to deliver on its security obligations. Said a Congressional source of the bill's imminent death: "Once it expires, it'll be much tougher to get a new Act."

WEATHER

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Haifa 24-31
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Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

German Jewish leader slams Swiss banks over list

BONN (Reuters) - Germany's Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis criticized Swiss banks yesterday, saying they should have published the names of holders of dormant Holocaust-era accounts much earlier.

Bubis told Saar radio in an interview that Swiss banks had in the past refused to give out information about the accounts and said the publication of nearly 1,800 names, including possible Holocaust victims, in newspapers across the world and on the Internet was belated.

"I'm convinced this is only the tip of the iceberg and that there are many more (dormant) accounts," said Bubis, who is widely respected in Germany and accompanied German President Roman Herzog

on a trip to the US last week.

The Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles said the list of accounts included at least eight prominent Nazis or collaborators.

The director of Germany's center for investigations of Nazi crimes, Willi Dressen, told Reuters his researchers would sift through their records, which include 650,000 names, to check whether convicted Nazi war criminals had held any of the accounts, but already had suspicions about some names on the list.

The Swiss Bankers' Association pledged to follow up tips from watchdog Jewish groups about suspected Nazi names and pass on the names to the Swiss Federal Banking Commission and Swiss government.



Gifted students nurture understanding

Six gifted students join forces after taking part in a two-week international conference on ethics in science and the humanities at the Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences, in Jerusalem. The 100 participants were given the challenge of creating an international curriculum in which developing awareness and understanding is inherent. Pictured from left are Andrew Hawryluk (Canada), Britt Christenson (Australia), Meital Levi (Israel), Nalo Jackson (US), Lotos Christu (Cyprus) and Mamar Faidi (Jordan). (Joe Malcolin)

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	PRECIP
Amsterdam	16	21	20	partly
Buenos Aires	16	21	23	partly
Caracas	27	31	18	clear
Chicago	27	31	30	clear
Copenhagen	14	25	24	partly
Frankfurt	15	28	24	partly
Geneva	15	28	24	partly
Helsinki	15	28	24	partly
Hong Kong	27	31	30	clear
Jakarta	25	31	15	clear
London	16	21	20	partly
Los Angeles	18	24	20	clear
Moscow	18	24	20	clear
Montreal	18	24	20	clear
New York	18	24	20	clear
Paris	18	24	20	clear
Rome	18	24	20	clear
Sofia	18	24	20	clear
Tokyo	24	28	30	partly
Tyleno	18	24	20	clear
Vienna	18	24	20	clear
Zurich	18	24	20	clear

Winning cards

The winning cards in Friday's Chance draw were the eight of spades, ace of hearts, seven of diamonds and queen of clubs.

Czech Republic okays compensation payment

By MARILYN HENRY

The Czech government has agreed to pay 20 million crowns (\$580,000) to a Jewish foundation to settle claims on gold and jewels that were confiscated from Slovak Jews during World War II and later transferred to the former Czechoslovak state bank.

"What I see in this is the importance of taking care of one of the residues of the Holocaust, a residue where the moral issue was never in doubt," Czech Deputy Foreign Minister Karel Kovanda said on Thursday in Prague.

The Czech Finance Ministry had valued the gold and jewels at 32m. crowns (\$950,000), Kovanda said. Using a formula for dividing the assets of the former Czechoslovakia, the Czechs

are to pay two-thirds of the total to a foundation set up by the Slovak and Czech Jewish communities.

Jozef Weiss, director of the Slovak Union of Jewish Communities, said he was satisfied with the arrangement.

Kovanda's announcement was welcomed by the US State Department, which has been pushing for the restitution of Jewish property in Central and Eastern Europe since 1995.

Prior to World War II, 70,000 Jews lived in the Slovak part of Czechoslovakia; today there are 3,000. The Slovak state paid the Nazis 500 marks per head to cover the cost of "removing" Jews to extermination camps. In 1993, Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Mother of US ambassador to Switzerland on list

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Madeleine Kunin, the Swiss-born American ambassador to Bern, has joined the growing roster of those who were stunned and surprised by last week's publication of dormant bank accounts in Switzerland. Her mother's name was on the haunting register.

"I was shocked. My mother died in 1970, and my brother and I were never aware that she left

any money in Switzerland," she told *The New York Times* on Friday. "She was not a woman of means."

Kunin, once the governor of Vermont, was a refugee whose German-Jewish father committed suicide in Zurich before the family fled Switzerland in 1940, across the Italian border, fearing the Nazis would invade.

The likelihood that Kunin is an heir to a Swiss account has created a ticklish diplomatic situation for the US, which has been both gently prodding Switzerland to proceed for a full-scale inquiry of its relations with Nazi Germany, and assailing it, saying it violated its neutrality during World War II.

Kunin praised the Swiss bankers for publishing the list. "I know that many families in need will benefit from this," she told the *Times*. "It is too bad that it took so much time, but it proves that once you publish a list like this, you get results."

IDF to get new anti-tank missiles from Rafael

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

IDF units will be equipped with a new anti-tank missile known as the Gill, which more than doubles the range of the outdated US-supplied Dragon missiles.

The missile, also called the Small Spike, was developed and

built by the Armaments Development Authority (Rafael) and has entered low-rate production after meeting the operational requirements of the IDF. *Jane's Defense Weekly* said.

The anti-armor missile has a range of up to 2.5 kilometers, which protects the operator and the launch platform from counter-measures. Rafael also says the Gill is simple to operate and can be used in bad weather.

It will replace the Dragon, which has a range of about 1,000 meters.

According to *Jane's*, the Gill is a "fire-and-forget" missile

designed to kill any target on the battlefield, including main battle tanks and hovering helicopters. *Jane's* also said it was being offered for sale to the Netherlands and the US, its nearest competitor is the Javelin, built by Texas Instruments/Lockheed Martin, which last month won a \$745 million contract to supply the US Army.

A second Rafael-developed missile is the Spike, which has a 4-km. range and reportedly weighs 20 kilos. This missile is guided by a fibre-optic link during the initial stages of flight before locking onto the target for

the final attack phase, *Jane's* said. The Spike, like the smaller version, has a lofted trajectory, allowing it to be fired from behind the horizon.

Rafael has also developed a third missile called the Long Spike, or NTD, which is designed for launch from helicopters and is being offered to Poland as part of an upgrade package for its existing choppers, *Jane's* said. Details of the missiles' warheads were unavailable, but *Jane's* said they were probably fitted with a tandem warhead allowing it to penetrate targets fitted with explosive-reactive armor.

'In the family' melanoma testing recommended

By JUDY SIEGEL

People with at least two first-degree relatives who have contracted melanoma should go for testing for a defective gene responsible for 8-12 percent of cases of this often-fatal skin cancer. The test for the gene, discovered by a US research team several years ago, is conducted in Israel only at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem.

Dr. Avraham Zlotogorsky, of the dermatology department, Dr. Tamar Peretz, of the Sharron Institute of Oncology, and Dr. Michal Lotem of both departments have written a survey of molecular biology of melanoma in the latest issue of *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association.

There were 38,300 melanoma cases and 7,300 melanoma deaths in the US last year. The latest figures in Israel, from 1991, record 440 new melanoma patients (compared to only 31 new cases in 1966).

Most melanoma is due solely to environmental causes - overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays. But in one out of eight to 12 of melanoma patients, the defective gene is passed from parents to children who are at high risk for the disease, especially if exposed to sunlight. People with one first-degree relative who have had melanoma have three times the risk of the general population; with two such relatives, the risk is 13.9 times as high. If the disease was "diagnosed" in one relative before the age of 50, the risk is 6.5 as high, the Hadassah doctors write.

However, having a relative with melanoma does not mean that one will necessarily get the disease as well. If a patient has had melanoma once, the risk of having another bout is greater than in the general population.

The authors note that one can't control genes, hair or eye color or skin type, but can reduce to a minimum one's exposure to the sun's rays.

Meanwhile, Lotem and her colleagues are the first in Israel to produce patient-customized vaccine against melanoma with cells taken from the patient's own tumor and cultured in the lab. The technique was developed at the Jefferson Medical Center in Philadelphia 10 years ago. The cells have to be taken from a "fresh" tumor, and the patient must have no other chronic diseases. Over the past year, 15 Hadassah patients who suffered from melanoma in the past have received eight vaccinations, one every 28 days, which boost their immune system in a so far successful effort to keep the cancer from returning through metastases.

The Miriam Adahan Handbooks

From the author of EMMETT and AWARENESS, now Miriam Adahan's strategies for coping with everyday stress are available in convenient, pocket-size format. Adahan combines psychological insight with perspectives from Jewish sources. Chapters are very short and to-the-point, so that these Handbooks can give the reader a "pick-me-up" when needing a wise word from a friendly counselor who has wrestled with the same problems.

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